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An unexpected purchase by Falcon Coaches of Byfleet was LK71 DKV, an MCV EvoSeti – bodied Volvo B5TL and is their first double-decker. It was pictured on 11th October on Walton Road, West Molesey on a school contract service.  
*(Terry Wong Min)*



Berkshire's well-regarded White Bus Service also has just one double-decker, LJ58 GCF, an East Lancs Olympus bodied Volvo B9TL new to T-GM in 2009. In this view from September 2020 it is on a school contract service and is passing the gates of Ascot Race Course.  
*(Richard Godfrey)*



Arriva Kent & Surrey is to close down its Guildford garage operation in December. A characteristically faint destination display 'adorns' Citaro 3909 in Egley Road Woking on the 35 heading to Guildford. Other local operators are now registering replacement routes.  
*(Terry Wong Min)*



**Front cover:** November is traditionally the month when several London buses are decked for the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal. We are used to types like E400s being so treated but a 'first' is Go-Ahead's Me 1 an Optare MetroDecker. It was captured in Raynes Park on 28th October.  
*(Terry Wong Min)*



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## Society Matters – including LOTS Meetings

LOTS Meetings at Conway Hall, Holborn at 7.30pm. We are in the Great Hall unless otherwise stated. Conway Hall authorities currently request that visitors are encouraged to wear face masks and that those feeling that they have Covid symptoms are asked not to attend.

Monday 29th November: A photographic presentation “Halfcab Heaven” by Eamonn Kentell.  
No meeting in December. Next meetings in February/ May/ September/ November 2022.

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**LOTS SUP-39B TfL Bus Operators Fleet Allocations and PVRs at 6th February 2021 (£4.50).**

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## Coming Events

All events are subject to any Covid-19 restrictions at the time. Events that seem likely to go ahead are below, although you should check before travelling. (LSS= LOTS Sales Stand should attend).

Sat 20 Nov: NLETE Transport Bazaar at St Paul's Centre, Church Street, Enfield. 11am-2.30pm. admission £3 (accompanied children free).

Sat 04 Dec: Ensignbus Vintage Bus Day, centred on Lakeside Bus Station. Details and timetables should be on Ensignbus website and on the events list on the LOTS website.

B/Hol Mon 03 Jan 22: King Alfred Running Day at Winchester Broadway.

Sun 20 Feb 22: Bus Running Day at the Epping Ongar Railway, North Weald.

Sat 02 April 22: South East Bus Festival at Detling showground in Kent.

Sun 10 April 22: London Bus Museum Brooklands – Spring Gathering.

Sun 08 May 22: HCVS London to Brighton run.

Other rallies now: 14 May (Faversham), 15 May (Whittlesey), 22 May (Didcot, a new event), 10 July (BBPG running day Godstone to East Grinstead, a new event), 17 July (Alton), 31 July (Worthing), 7 August (Gosport).

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## GENERAL and INDUSTRY NEWS

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### TfL, politics and the Coronavirus Crisis

**Daily Covid infection rates** rose sharply during October, peaking at over 40,000 but dropping back during the last week of the month. There were calls for the Government to introduce 'Plan B' which would have led to compulsory mask wearing on public transport, vaccine passports and asking people to work from home if possible. This led to opposition from businesses in Central London where office working is still way below pre-pandemic levels. However, by the end of October the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine which advises the Government, was predicting infection rates could fall significantly in the coming weeks, helped by booster jabs being given to older people. This should ease pressure on NHS services over the winter months and reduce the risk of further lockdowns.

**Climate change conference COP26** (which stands for the 26<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Conference of the Parties) was held in Glasgow for two weeks, starting on 1 November. Several world leaders including Prime Minister Boris Johnson and US President Biden were present for the first two days, but not the leaders of China or Russia. China has by far the highest carbon emissions in the world and continues to rely on coal fired power stations. The aim of the conference was to agree urgent measures to slow the rate of climate change. Unfortunately, strong winds led to rail disruption which delayed many delegates from reaching Glasgow on the first day when a tree fell on the West Coast main line between Milton Keynes and Rugby. There were also delays on the East Coast main line due to overhead line damage at Peterborough. The media criticised leaders for their use of private jets and convoys of cars. President Biden was accompanied by 80 cars carrying staff!

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On the first evening of the conference ten brand new Stagecoach London BYD/ ADL Enviro 400EVs built at Falkirk were used to ferry delegates to an event at Kelvingrove Art Gallery. They carried 'The Iconic London Bus. Built in Scotland' on side advert panels.

**The budget** on 27 October included announcement of Government funding for £71 million in five areas to support 335 new zero emission buses. Kent County Council will get £9.5 million for 33 new single deck buses with overhead charging for Fastrack, often termed 'opportunity' to indicate that a bus could be charged briefly en-route of a service. This funding includes five buses for a new Fastrack service in Dover. It maybe that a Fastrack proposal at Ebbsfleet Garden City may be included. Milton Keynes will benefit from 60 battery electric buses which will be owned by the local authority, so they may not be exclusively operated by Arriva, the main operator. Other areas benefitting are Cambridgeshire, Leicester and Warrington. The Government also announced a further £150 million worth of funding in 2021/22 to support the introduction of zero emission buses outside London. On top of that, seven major city areas outside London including Greater Manchester and West Midlands will get a share of £5.7 billion for transport improvements. This is expected to be mostly for rail based or active travel initiatives although bus-based schemes may be included. So, nothing for London here, is this is what 'levelling up' means?

One controversial announcement in the budget was that Airport taxes are to be halved on internal flights, just days before the COP26 Conference met to agree carbon reduction measures. In contrast Government controlled rail fares are expected to rise by 1% more than inflation next year.

A report to the TfL Board on 20 October confirmed plans to open the **Elizabeth line** during the first half of 2022. Trial running with 12 trains per hour through the central section resumed in July. This will need to increase to 24 trains per hour when the full service is operating. Paddington, Whitechapel, and Abbey Wood stations have been handed over from the Crossrail contractor to the operator and Canary Wharf should follow soon. Bond Street is likely to be the last station to be completed and there is some doubt as to whether it will be able to open with the main section. A proposal to extend Elizabeth line services from Abbey Wood to Gravesend over existing tracks used by Southeastern and Thameslink trains is being promoted by Kent County Council and the leaders of Bexley, Dartford, and Gravesham Councils. They propose a service of eight trains per hour to Northfleet with four continuing to Gravesend.

**Night Tube services** will return to the Central and Victoria lines on Saturday 27 November. Other lines will follow 'as soon as practicable' according to TfL. Meanwhile a full Monday to Friday timetable on the Waterloo & City line resumes on 22 November with trains running every 3 minutes at peak times and every 5 minutes off peak until 00:30 but there will be no Saturday service for the foreseeable future.

## **Corporate and company news**

The closure of **Arriva's garage at Guildford** led to discussions between Arriva, Surrey County Council and Falcon Buses but they did not reach agreement and they were called off on 26 October. Instead, new route registrations have been lodged, mostly by Stagecoach South (e.g. 34/35 and 53/63) but also by Hallmark (Diamond Bus) on the 91 and 436 at Woking. There seems to be some confusion over dates, Stagecoach from 18 December but Diamond from 4 January. Arriva had already quoted that their last day of operation would be Friday 17 December. **Arriva in Kent** suddenly announced that they would abandon routes 306/308 (Gravesend & Sevenoaks) with the last day on 30 October. Kent CC arranged that Redroute Buses would take over from Monday 1st November and they have acquired four former Go-Ahead SE-class E200s (via Ensign Bus) to operate it.

**London Transit** is the registered name for operations from Westbourne Park garage (TLB 686 refers). It is owned by RATP Dev UK Ltd (87.5%) and Tower Transit (12.5%).T

The **National Express** bid to take over **Stagecoach** was not finalised by 19 October (TLB 686 refers) and negotiations will continue until 16 November.

Metrobus has confirmed an order for **20 hydrogen fuel cell single deckers** from Wrightbus. They are due by June 2022 and will run on Fastway services in Crawley. A joint announcement from Brighton & Hove and Metrobus suggests that they are planning for another 34 hydrogen buses for the group but at the same time implying that the Crawley and East Surrey area would be their destination. The announcement doesn't say whether single- or double-deck vehicles – or a mixture of both!

## Other General News

Local authorities with transport responsibilities outside London were required to submit **Bus Service Improvement Plans** (BSIPs) to the Department for Transport by 31 October to be eligible for Government funding. Many BSIPs are now available on Council websites. They are lengthy documents containing considerable detail on existing services and plans for improvements. Initial indications are that some areas are proposing significant enhancements, dependent on Government funding. These could be new services, more bus priority measures, changes to fares levels and better integration between operators.

Heathrow based Q Park is the first UK operator to buy **Scania Fencer** buses. Four 10.9 metre single deckers will run on car park shuttles. They are due in May 2022. **Wrightbus** has built a new zero emission hydrogen demonstrator single decker called The GB Kite. It has its equipment exposed on the roof which could be swapped for battery packs in an alternative Electroliner version. Production is expected to commence in early 2022. Rotala owned **Diamond Bus** has converted five diesel powered Streetlites to electric. The existing engine is removed and replaced by an electrically powered motor and battery packs. They will operate in the West Midlands. It seems likely other operators will convert diesel buses to increase the number of electric buses without having to replace relatively modern vehicles.

Train services on the **Isle of Wight** resumed on 1 November using five two coach class 484 trains from Vivarail. The former London Underground D stock trains remain easily recognisable with similar seating arrangements and no toilets. An hourly service is being provided initially between Ryde Pier Head and Shanklin but this will eventually increase to half-hourly using a new passing loop at Brading Station.

On Sunday 31 October **two trains collided in Fisherton tunnel outside Salisbury Station**. The front train was a Great Western Service from Southampton to Bristol and the train behind was a South Western Railway train from London Waterloo to Honiton. The SWR driver and several passengers were injured but there were no fatalities. Initial investigations by the Rail Accident Investigation Branch suggest the SWR train slid into the back of the GWR train and derailed, having been unable to stop at a signal before the junction at Fisherton due to poor wheel adhesion.

## GREATER LONDON AREA - Route Developments

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### LONDON BUSES - TENDERED ROUTES UPDATE

Starting from Tranche 782 and thus the start of the 2022-23 Tendering programme, contracts are now offered on the basis of 7-year fixed Quality Incentive Contracts, although shorter terms can be agreed between TfL and the operators. This is mainly to encourage the drive towards electrification. The 2-year route extensions listed below remain in place having been previously agreed, and future tendering programmes will reflect revised start dates. When 'existing fleet vehicles' are specified, this means compatible refurbished vehicles, not necessarily those in current use on the route. From 1st March 2021 all buses are to Euro-VI emissions standard.

Routes 116, 119/=, 198, 220/=, 226, 245, 264/=, 295/=, 662, 665, 671 and A10 from Tranches 797, 802, 804, 807, 812 and 814 were awarded, starting on 25th June 2022 (245), 30th July 2022 (662, 665 and 671), 27th August 2022 (116, 119/=, 198, 264/= and A10), 12th October 2022 (226), 22nd October 2022 (220/=) and 29th October 2022 (295/=).

- 116 Retained by London United using existing hybrid double-deck vehicles (pvr 7).
- 119/= Retained by Go-Ahead Metrobus using a mix of new electric double-deck (12) and existing hybrid (3) double-deck vehicles (pvr 14 to 15).
- 198 Retained by Arriva London South using existing hybrid double-deck vehicles (pvr 12).
- 220/= Retained by London United using existing diesel double-deck vehicles (pvr 25 to 24).
- 226 Awarded to London United using new electric single-deck vehicles.  
Currently operated by Metroline West from Willesden Junction (WJ) garage (pvr 16 to 15).
- 245 Retained by Metroline Travel using a mix of existing hydrogen (6) and existing hybrid (13) double-deck vehicles (pvr 21 to 19).
- 264/= Awarded to Go-Ahead Metrobus using new electric double-deck vehicles.  
Currently operated by Arriva London South from Croydon (TC) garage (pvr 14 to 11).
- 295/= Awarded to London United using new electric double-deck vehicles.  
Currently operated by Metroline West from Willesden Junction (WJ) garage (pvr 20 to 19).
- 662 Retained by London United using existing hybrid double-deck vehicle (pvr 1).
- 665 Retained by London United using existing diesel single-deck vehicle (pvr 1).
- 671 Awarded to Abellio using existing hybrid double-deck vehicle.  
Currently operated by London United from Fulwell (FW) garage. (pvr 1).
- A10 Retained by Metroline West using existing diesel single-deck vehicles (pvr 5 to 4).

Further revisions have been made to the Tendering Programme for 2022/23.

To allow for a review on route 168, the current contract is extended to 29th September 2023 and the current route 470 has been extended to 2nd December 2022 to align it with other routes in tranche 819, and is thus revised as below:-

Tranche No. and start dates	Routes out on offer (with current operators)	2-year extensions granted
#799 (7/22)	186 (Metroline Travel) .....	382
#799A (7/22)	383 (Uno), 384 (Metroline Travel) .....	--
#801 (7-8/22)	Tranche cancelled .....	17, 243/=, C11, W7/=, W8
#803 (8-9/22)	Tranche cancelled .....	5, 15/=, 66, 115
#805 (8-9/22)	Tranche cancelled .....	130, 255, 289, 314, 410

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#806 (8-9/22)	664 (S'ch Selkent), 684 (GA Metrobus) .....	--
#806A (8/22)	638 (S'ch Selkent) .....	--
#808 (9/22)	605, 628/688, 653/683 (Sullivan) .....	--
#809 (9-10/22)	Tranche cancelled .....	131, 222/=, 411
#810 (9-10/22)	149/=, 349 (Arriva LN) .....	4, 210, 341/=
#811 (9-11/22)	248 (S'ch East London), 339 (Tower Transit) .....	103, 150, 175, 257, 370
#812 (10/22)	632 (Metroline West) .....	--
#813 (10/22)	11/N11 (GA London General) .....	22/=
#814 (10/22)	297/= (Metroline Travel) .....	--
#815 (10/22)	353, 359 (GA Metrobus) .....	--
#816 (10-11/22)	78 (Arriva LN), 621(S'ch Selkent) .....	45, 176/=, 188/=
#817 (12/22-1/23)	190 (Metroline Travel), 635 (London United) .....	33/N33, 419
#818 (10-11/22)	92 (Metroline West) .....	6/=, 18/N18, 98/N98
#819 (11-12/22)	80, 93/=, 151, 154/=, 163, 164/= (GA London General) 470 (London United) .....	--
#819A (12/22)	439, S2 (New Routes Croydon/Sutton consultations).	455 (due to be w'dn!)
#820 (12/22-2/23)	155/N155 (GA London General), 159/= (Abellio).....	88/=, 118, 170, 355, 360
#821 (12/22-1/23)	142/642 (London Sovereign), 307/= (Metroline Travel) .....	141, 258, 329
#822 (1/23)	B13 (Arriva LN) .....	99, 269, 401, 422, B14, B16
#823 (1/23)	47/= (S'ch Selkent) .....	36/=, 343/=
#824 (2/23)	W5 (HCT Group) .....	153, 299, W4, W6
#825 (2/23)	91/=, 263 (Metroline Travel) .....	41/=, 121
#826 (3/23)	H32/=, H91 (London United) .....	423, H22, H28, H37/=, H98
#827 (3/23)	187, 487 (Metroline West), N97 (Tower Transit) .....	--
#828 (3/23)	Tranche cancelled .....	138, 161, 172, 181, 225, 233, 284
#829 (3/23)	Tranche cancelled .....	169, 247, 287

The first part of the 2023/24 Programme has been announced and is listed below, including the insertion of route 168 into Tranche 845. Note that no 2-year extensions have been included in this first batch, although this may change. The rest of the programme, up to tranche 871 can be found on the TfL website, although for space reasons, we'll only include the ones below which will be offered to operators in the next 6 months or so:-

Tranche No. and start dates	Routes out on offer (with current operators)	2-year extensions granted
#830 (4/23)	35/=, 40 (GA London Central), 345/(Abellio) .....	--
#831 (4-5/23)	62, 145/=, 294, 366, (S'ch East London), 147 (GA Blue Triangle), 368 (Arriva LN) .....	--
#832 (5/23)	E2, E8 (Metroline Travel) E5, E7(Abellio) .....	--
#833 (6/23)	129 (GA London Central) .....	--
#834 (7/23)	143D/643 (Metroline Travel), 377 (Arriva LN) .....	--
#835 (7/23)	26/N26 (HCT Group) 86/N86 (S'ch East London) ....	--
#836 (7/23)	57/=, 213/= (GA London General), 85/=, 216, 265, K4 (London United) .....	--
#837 (7-9/23)	53/N53, (S'ch Selkent), 137/N137, 417 (Arriva LS) ..	--
#838 (8-9/23)	64/=, 612, 685 (Arriva LS) .....	--
#839 (9/23)	72/N72, 203 (London United) .....	--
#840 (9/23)	626 (Sullivan Buses), 634 (Metroline Travel) .....	--

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#841 (9/23)	H11, H14, H17, H18/H19 (London Sovereign) .....	--
#842 (9/23)	83/N83, 114/=, 483 (Metroline West), 251, 288, 303 (London Sovereign), 340 (Arriva LN) ..	--
#843 (9/23)	276, 376, D7 (GA Docklands), 346 (GA Blue Triangle) D3 (S'ch East London) .....	--
#844 (9-10/23)	21/N21, 108/=, 185, 321/= (GA London Central), 199/N199 (S'ch Selkent) .....	--
#845 (9-10/23)	1/N1, 42, P12 (GA London Central), 168 (Metroline Travel), 381/N381 (Abellio) .....	--

## ROUTE AND SERVICE CHANGES

### Saturday 25th September 2021:

As in TLB686; of interest is that the extras on N29 have their own schedule as “VN29”. The reference to the railway bridge in Victoria Road (Atlas Road) was that it was closed to traffic. Further works in the area for HS2 will affect other bus services, see below.

### Saturday 2nd October 2021: All as in TLB686.

### All information is repeated in full from this point:

### Saturday 9th October 2021:

Fr/Sa Night running times restored to routes N3, =24 and =345.

16 (*Metroline Travel-W*) (Victoria Station & Cricklewood Garage) and

N16 (*Metroline Travel-W*) (Victoria Station & Edgware Station) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.

17 (*Metroline Travel-HT*) (Archway Station & London Bridge Station) Mon-Fri daytime frequency reduced from x8-9 to x10mins. As noted in TLB685 vehicle news, it has been partially converted to BDE-class BYD D8UR Enviro400EV electric double-decks, the mix now includes LT-class NRM New Routemasters from route 91.

21 (*Go-Ahead London Central-NX*) (Newington Green & Lewisham, Lewisham Centre) and

N21 (*Go-Ahead London Central-NX*) (Trafalgar Square & Bexleyheath, Shopping Centre) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.

32 (*Metroline Travel-EW*) (Kilburn Park Station & Edgware Station) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.

91 (*Metroline Travel-HT*) (Trafalgar Square & Crouch End Broadway) Commencement of conversion from LT-class New Routemasters to mixed VMH-class and VWH-class hybrid double-deck vehicles, displaced from route 17.

107 (*Metroline Travel-EW*) (New Barnet Station & Edgware Station) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.

189/=(*Metroline Travel-W*) (Marble Arch & Brent Cross Shopping Centre) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.

245 (*Metroline Travel-PV*) (Golders Green Station & Alperton, Sainsbury's) Mon-Sat daytime frequency reduced from x8 to x10mins.

267 (*Abellio-TF*) (Hammersmith, Bus Station, & Fulwell, South Road) Revised running times daily.

316 (*Metroline Travel-W*) (Cricklewood Garage & White City, Bus Station) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.

321/=(*Go-Ahead London Central-NX*) (New Cross Gate, Sainsbury's & Foots Cray, Tesco) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.

332 (*Metroline Travel-W*) (Brent Park, Tesco & Paddington Station) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract, using existing TEH-class AD40H Enviro400H hybrid double-decks and LT-class NRM New Routemasters.

381 (*Abellio-WL*) (County Hall & Peckham, Bus Station) and

N381 (*Abellio-WL*) (Trafalgar Square & Peckham, Bus Station) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years. Fr/Sa night running times restored.

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Saturday 9th October 2021, continued:

- 407 (*Abellio-BC*) (Sutton, Marshalls Road & Caterham Station) Revised running times daily.  
P12 (*Go-Ahead London Central-PM*) (Surrey Quays, Shopping Centre & Brockley Rise, Chandos) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.  
P13 (*Abellio-WL*) (Streatham Station & New Cross Gate, Sainsbury's) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.

PVR changes 9th October 2021:

Abellio: 267 to 18/14/10 #TF251+, 381 to 17/15/13 #WL21+, 407 to 16/16/9 #BC161+, no change to P13, N381 PVRs;  
Go-Ahead London Central: P12 to 14/12/9 #PM331+, no change to 21/N21, 321/= PVRs;  
Metroline: 17 to 15/13/8 #HT141+, 245 to 17/16/14 #PV101+,  
No change to 16/N16, 32, 107, 189/=, 316, 332 PVRs, although to correct SUP39B and previous issues, the running number sequence for 332 is #W51+. (Thanks to member Michael for spotting that).

Saturday 16th October 2021:

Bishopsford Road bridge over the River Wandle re-opened on Monday evening, 18th October but promptly closed again the following morning! It was discovered that traffic management was required, in that only one bus at a time can cross. Route 718 continues in operation, with the bridge having been given a revised opening date of Monday 4th December. I'll report next month if this happens.

- 279 (*Arriva London North-E*) (Manor House Station & Waltham Cross, Bus Station) and  
N279 (*Arriva London North-E*) (Trafalgar Square & Waltham Cross, Bus Station) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.  
W3/= (*Arriva London North-WN*) (Finsbury Park Station & Northumberland Park Station) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.

PVR changes 16th October 2021:

Arriva London North: No change to 279/N279, W3/= PVRs.

Saturday 23rd October 2021:

- 19 (*Arriva London North-AR*) (Battersea Bridge, South Side & Finsbury Park Station) Mon-Sat daytime frequency reduced from x8 to x10mins.  
42 (*Go-Ahead London Central-Q*) (Liverpool Street Station, Bishopsgate & East Dulwich, Sainsbury's) Mon-Sat daytime frequency reduced from x12 to x15mins.  
68 (*Abellio-WL*) (Euston Station & West Norwood, High Street) Mon-Fri peak frequency reduced from x7½ to x8-9mins and Mon-Sat daytimes from x8-9 to x10 mins.  
88/= (*Go-Ahead London General-SW*) (Parliament Hill Fields & Clapham Common, Old Town) Mon-Sat daytime frequency reduced from x8 to x10mins, with an additional AM peak journey.  
133 (*Arriva London South-BN*) (Liverpool Street Station & Streatham Station) Mon-Fri peak frequency reduced from x5 to x7½mins.  
135 (*Go-Ahead-Blue Triangle-DS*) (Old Street Station & Crossharbour, ASDA) Revised Mon-Sat timetables.  
137 (*Arriva London South-N/BN*) (Marble Arch & Streatham Hill, Telford Avenue) Revised daily timetables, with partial re-allocation back from Norwood to Brixton.  
149/= (*Arriva London North-AR*) (London Bridge Station & Edmonton Green Station) Mon-Fri peak frequency reduced from x6 to 7½mins and Mon-Sat daytimes from x7 to x8 mins.  
228 (*Tower Transit-X*) (Maida Hill, The Chippenham & Central Middlesex Hospital) Introduction of widened schedules by 4 minutes Mon-Sat daytimes to mitigate HS2 roadworks at Atlas Road.  
260 (*Metroline Travel-AC*) (White City, Bus Station & Golders Green Station) Widened schedules, previously for Cricklewood Broadway works, are retained to mitigate HS2 roadworks at Atlas Road.  
349 (*Arriva London North-E*) (Stamford Hill, Rookwood Road & Ponders End Garage) Revised Mon-Fri timetable with removal of additional peak hour journeys.
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Saturday 23rd October 2021, continued:

- G1 (*Go-Ahead London General-SW*) (Streatham High Road, Green Lane & Battersea, Shaftsbury Estate) Revised daily timetables for running time.  
N15 (*Go-Ahead Blue Triangle-DS*) (Oxford Circus & Romford Station) Nightly frequency in the first part of the night increased from x12 to x10mins.

PVR changes 23rd October 2021:

- Abellio: 68 to 21/17/13 #WL51+;  
Arriva London North: 19 to 21/21/20 #AR351+, 149 to 29/24/19 #AR51+, 349 to 13/14/11 #E21+, no change to =149 PVRs;  
Arriva London South: 133 to 23/23/13 #BN1+; 137 to 15/14/13 #N301+ and 14/13/9 #BN171+;  
Go-Ahead Blue Triangle: 135 to 15/14/9 #SI51+, N15 to 23 every night, (no change to crosslinks);  
Go-Ahead London Central: 42 to 10/10/9 #Q91+;  
Go-Ahead London General: 88 to 22/21/17 #SW121, G1 to 13/13/10 #SW151+, no change to =88 PVRs;  
Metroline Travel: no change to 260 PVRs;  
Tower Transit: 228 to 9/8/8 #X301+.

Saturday 30th October 2021:

- 187 (*Metroline West-WJ*) (Central Middlesex Hospital & Finchley Road, Sainsbury's) Introduction of widened schedules Mon-Sat daytimes to mitigate HS2 roadworks at Atlas Road.  
645 (*Arriva London South-TC*) (Purley Cross & West Croydon Bus Station) LBSL QX contract retained by *Arriva London South* for the existing schoolday journeys on route 405 ('405D' in TfL parlance but renumbered to 645). The contract will now remain numbered as route 405 until the extension to Waddon Post Office takes place, possibly from the start of January 2022, but to be confirmed later.  
A10 (*Metroline West-UX*) (Uxbridge Station & Heathrow Airport Central) Mon-Sat daytime frequency reduced from x15 to x20mins, and Mon-Sat evenings from x20 to x30mins.

PVR changes 30th October 2021:

- Arriva London South: no change to 405 PVRs;  
Metroline West: A10 to 4/4/3 #UX151+; no change to 187 PVRs.

Sunday 31st October 2021:

- 246 (*Stagecoach Selkent-TB*) (Bromley North & Westerham) Last day of seasonal Su/PH extension to Chartwell. No changes to 246 PVRs.

Saturday 6th November 2021:

- 40 (*Go-Ahead London Central-Q*) (Dulwich Library & Clerkenwell Green) Mon-Fri peak frequency reduced from x6-7 to 8-9mins and Mon-Fri daytime from x8 to x10mins.  
96 (*Stagecoach Selkent-PD*) (Woolwich, Thomas Street & Bluewater, Shopping Centre) Special weekend schedules for shopping traffic for Bluewater.  
120 (*Metroline Travel-PA*) (Hounslow, Bus Station & Northolt Station) Widened schedules during Mon-Fri evening peak and Sat daytimes for ongoing roadworks in South Road, Southall.  
188/= (*Go-Ahead London Central-Q*) (Russell Square & North Greenwich Station) Mon-Sat daytime frequency reduced from x8 to x10mins.  
221 (*Arriva London North-WN*) (Edgware Station & Turnpike Lane Station) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.  
313 (*Arriva London North-E*) (Chingford Station & Potters Bar Station, SDO to Dame Alice Owen's School) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract, using existing LT-class NRM New Routemasters. The school journeys to and from Dame Alice Owen's School retimed to better match school times.  
487 (*Metroline West-WJ*) (South Harrow Station & Harlesden, Willesden Junction) Introduction of widened schedules Mon-Sat daytimes to mitigate HS2 roadworks at Atlas Road.

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Saturday 6th November, continued:

626 (*Sullivan Buses-SM*) (Dame Alice Owen's School & Finchley Central Station) Afternoon journeys retimed to depart at 15:55, 15:58, 15:59 and 16:00.

PVR changes 6th November 2021:

Arrival London North: No change to 221, 313 PVRs;

Go-Ahead London Central: 40 to 18/15/9 #Q431+; X68 to 1\*+(9 ex 188) \*176 #Q41+;

188 to 30\*(X68)/21/17 #Q41+;

Metroline Travel: 120 Mo-Fr PVR temporarily increased by 1, 487 no change to PVRs;

Stagecoach Selkent: 96 Sat PVR temporarily increased by 1;

Sullivan Buses: No change to 626 PVRs.

**The planned route changes after our closing date are listed below but may be subject to change**

Saturday 13th November 2021:

3 (*Abellio-WL*) (Whitehall & Crystal Palace) and

N3 (*Abellio-WL*) (Oxford Circus & Bromley North Station) Routes temporarily re-allocated to Battersea (QB) garage, although drivers will still sign on at Walworth. This is to make room for the new allocation on route 63.

13/= (*Tower Transit-X*) (Victoria Station & North Finchley) Mon-Sat daytime frequency reduced from x6 to x8-9mins, with extra peak journeys withdrawn.

38 (*Arriva London North-CT*) (Victoria Station & Clapton Pond) &

N38 (*Arriva London North-CT*) (Victoria Station & Walthamstow Central Station) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.

63 (King's Cross St. Pancras Station & Honor Oak, Forest Hill Tavern) &

N63 (King's Cross St. Pancras Station & Crystal Palace) LBSL (QC) contract awarded to *Abellio* using new electric double-decks, in due course from Walworth (WL) garage. Route N63 will be operated by existing hybrid double-decks. Currently operated by *Go-Ahead London Central* from Peckham (PM) garage.

168 (*Metroline Travel-HT*) (Hampstead Heath, South End Green & Old Kent Road, Tesco's) Mon-Sat daytime frequency reduced from x8mins to x8-9mins and Mon-Sat evening frequency from x11 to x12mins, with extra peak journeys withdrawn.

258 (*London Sovereign-BT*) (Watford Junction & South Harrow Station) Re-allocated from Edgware (BT) garage to Park Royal (RP) garage thus novated to *London United*. This move is to facilitate a new electric operation at Edgware (BT) when route 125 is gained. The knock-on effect then meant the move of the 283 (see below).

283 (*London United-RP*) (East Acton, Brunel Road & Hammersmith, Bus Station) Re-allocated from Park Royal (RP) garage to Stamford Brook (V) garage.

363 (*Go-Ahead London Central-PM*) (Crystal Palace & Elephant & Castle) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.

414 (Putney Bridge Station & Maida Hill, The Chippenham) LBSL (QC) contract awarded to *Tower Transit* using existing hybrid double-decks from Westbourne Park (X) garage. Withdrawn between Marble Arch and Maida Hill. (See consultations below). Currently operated by *Abellio* from Battersea (QB) garage. Note this has been brought forward from the original date of 20th November.

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Saturday 20th November 2021:

- 14/= (*Go-Ahead London General-AF*) (Putney Heath, Green Man & Russell Square) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.
- 39 (*Go-Ahead London General-PL*) (Clapham Junction, Falcon Road & Putney Bridge Station) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.
- 74 (*Go-Ahead London General-AF*) (Baker Street Station & Putney, High Street) &
- N74 (*Go-Ahead London General-AF*) (Baker Street Station & Roehampton, Danebury Avenue) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.
- 87 (*Go-Ahead London General-SW*) (Aldwych & Wandsworth, Wandsworth Plain) Mon-Sat daytime frequency reduced from x6 to x7½mins.
- 430 (*Go-Ahead London General-AF*) (South Kensington, Natural History Museum & Roehampton, Danebury Avenue) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.
- 436 (*Go-Ahead London Central-NX*) (Lewisham, Lewisham Centre & Battersea Park Station) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.
- H20 (*Abellio-TF*) (Hounslow, Civic Centre & Twickenham, Tesco) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.
- U7 (*Abellio-WS*) (Uxbridge Stn & Hayes, Sainsbury's) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.

Saturday 27th November 2021:

As noted in General and Industry news, the Night Tube returns to the Central & Victoria lines from Saturday night 27th November (and not Friday night/Sat morning 26/27th November), but none of the current Fri/Sat night daytime routes that have night services at weekends will be restored at this time. Also, from this date, a number of weekend closures will start on Westway (A40), albeit usually in one direction only for the next few months. Many routes in the area will have special schedules to mitigate against the inevitable congestion on Edgware Road, Harrow Road, Marylebone Road, Western Avenue and Uxbridge Road.

- 21 (*Go-Ahead London Central-NX*) (Newington Green & Lewisham, Lewisham Centre) Mon-Sat daytime frequency reduced from x6-7mins to x8-9mins.
- 76 (*Go-Ahead London General-NP*) (Waterloo, Baylis Road & Tottenham Hale Station) Mon-Sat daytime frequency reduced from x8mins to x10mins, with extra peak journeys withdrawn.
- 91 (*Metroline Travel-HT*) (Trafalgar Square & Crouch End Broadway) Mon-Sat daytime frequency reduced from x8mins to x10mins, with extra peak journeys withdrawn.
- 92 (*Metroline West-G*) (Ealing Hospital & St.Raphael's North, Drury Way) Mon-Sat daytime frequency reduced from x8-9 to x10 mins and Sun and evenings from x10 to x12mins.
- 242 (*Arriva London North-CT*) (Aldgate Station & Homerton Hospital) Mon-Sat daytime frequency reduced from x8 to x10 mins.
- 282 (*Metroline West-G*) (Ealing Hospital & Mount Vernon Hospital) Revised timetables daily for running time.
- W19 (*HCT Group-AW*) (Ilford High Road & Walthamstow, Argall Avenue Industrial Estate) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.

Saturday 4th December 2021:

- 152 (*Go-Ahead London General-AL*) (Pollards Hill, Westmorland Way & New Malden, Fountain) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.
- 157 (*Arriva London South-TH*) (Crystal Palace & Morden Station) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.
- 413 (Sutton Garage & Morden Station) LBSL (QC) contract retained by *Go-Ahead London General* using existing SEN-class AD E20D Enviro200 diesel single-decks from Merton (AL) garage. This had been novated from *Quality Line* from 3rd July 2021. The 413 is due to be converted to SEe-class BYD/E200EV electric single-decks using some withdrawn from routes 507 and 521.
- 655 (Mitcham, Fair Green & Raynes Park High School) LBSL (QX) contract awarded to *London United* using existing ADE-class diesel double-deck from Tolworth (TV) garage. Currently operated by *Go-Ahead London General* from Merton (AL) garage.

Saturday 11th December 2021:

As mentioned under vehicle news in TLB685, Hayes (WS) garage in North Hyde Gardens is to be closed and replaced by new premises at Dawley Road by Spring 2022. In the meantime, the following routes are temporarily re-allocated as follows:

- 278 (Abellio-WS) (Heathrow Airport Central & Ruislip, High Street) Re-allocated to Fulwell (TF) garage.
- 350 (Abellio-WS) (Heathrow Terminal 5 & Hayes, ASDA) Re-allocated to Fulwell (TF) garage.
- 482 (Abellio-WS) (Heathrow Terminal 5 & Southall, Town Hall) Re-allocated to Southall (GW) garage.
- U5 (Abellio-WS) (Uxbridge, York Road & Hayes, Clarendon Road) Re-allocated to Fulwell (TF) garage.
- U7 (Abellio-WS) (Uxbridge Station & Hayes, Sainsbury's) Re-allocated to Southall (GW) garage.
- U9 (Abellio-WS) (Uxbridge Station & Harefield Hospital) Re-allocated to Southall (GW) garage.

**CHRISTMAS and NEW YEAR BUSES IN LONDON**

Fuller details in the December TLB, but the pattern is expected to be similar to previous years, i.e. No service Christmas Day, Sunday Service on

Boxing Day and Bank Holidays and Saturday-type day services on Christmas Eve and Wed-Fri between Christmas and New Year.

No enhanced night services on New Year's Eve as once again there is no fireworks display in Central London.

Saturday 1st January 2022:

- 26 (HCT Group-HK) (Waterloo Station & Hackney Wick) Revised M-F schedules for running time, restoring service prior to 1st August 2020. (This change, and that on the D6, is to restore the increased PVR on 26 and decrease on D6).
- 624 (Go-Ahead London Central-BX) (Grove Park Station & Avery Hill, Stationers' Crown Wood Academy or Welling Corner SDO) LBSL (QX) contract retained by *Go-Ahead London Central* using existing E-class AD E40D Enviro400 diesel double-decks from Bexleyheath (BX) garage.
- 625 (Go-Ahead London Central-BX) (Plumstead Common & Chislehurst, War Memorial SDO) LBSL (QX) contract retained by *Go-Ahead London Central* using existing E-class AD E40D Enviro400 diesel double-decks from Bexleyheath (BX) garage.
- 658 (Go-Ahead London Central-BX) (Woolwich, Thomas Street & Avery Hill, Stationers' Crown Wood Academy SDO) LBSL (QX) contract retained by *Go-Ahead London Central* using existing E-class AD E40D Enviro400 diesel double-decks from Bexleyheath (BX) garage.
- D6 (HCT Group-HK) (Cambridge Heath, Ash Grove Garage & Crossharbour, ASDA) Revised M-F schedules for running time, restoring service prior to 1st August 2020. .
- U9 (Abellio-GW) (Uxbridge Station & Harefield Hospital) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.

Saturday 8th January 2022:

- 235 (North Brentford Quarter & Sunbury Village, Three Fishes) LBSL QC contract awarded to *London United* using new electric BE-class single-decks, in due course from Hounslow Heath (WK) garage. Currently operated by *Metroline Travel* from Brentford (AH) garage.
- 237 (Metroline Travel-AH) (White City, Bus Station & Hounslow Heath, Hussar) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.
- H26 (Abellio-TF) (Feltham, Sparrow Farm & Hatton Cross Station) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.

## SERVICE PROPOSALS

No new proposals this month, but I am indebted to a member that points out there is a bus stop hooded and out of use for route 485 in Osiers Way, in part of the Wandsworth Riverside Quarter development. Whilst a search in the TfL consultations hub reveals no information, the route was awarded on an option which extends or diverts the route to serve new development here but is awaiting implementation of some further road changes to the Ram Street stand in Wandsworth town centre.

A summary of the main proposals variously awaiting results and/or start dates, for example:

TLB683 p15-16: 633 extended to Pollards Hill.

TLB684 p16: R7 in Chelsfield.

TLB685 p13: Bank Junction.

Other more minor examples involve road layout changes.

## FORTHCOMING CHANGES IN BRIEF

This list includes tenders that have been decided and principal route changes already in past TLBs. Worth noting here that we expect some proposals for further route changes to coincide or proceed the introduction of the Elizabeth line, likely to be next year. Details will be added in the main section when dates confirmed.

Notes: CE+2 = Contract extended by 2 years. CR = Contract awarded or renewed for 5 years, with a potential +2 year extension.

CR7 = Contract renewed for 7 years. All dates and all details are subject to alteration or deferment.

The \* suffix = award specified new buses; the # suffix = award specified part new bus allocation. Not all award dates will be necessarily the same date that new buses are introduced.

15th Jan 22: CR on 273 (Stagecoach Selkent), New route 733 (Tower Transit).

22nd Jan 22: CR on 696 (L.United to L.Sovereign), CE+2 on 133/N133, 333 (Arriva LS), 360 (G-A London Central), 380 (Stagecoach Selkent), 388 (HCT Group).

29th Jan 22: CR on 125\* (Metroline Travel to L.Sovereign), 234 (Metroline Travel), CE+2 on 9/N9 (London United), 59 (Arriva LS), 89/N89 (G-A London Central), 476 (G-A London General).

5th Feb 22: CR on 298, W9 (Sullivan).

19th Feb 22: CE+2 on EL1/=, EL2, EL3 (G-A Blue Triangle).

26th Feb 22: CR on 55/N55, 56 (Stagecoach East London), 335 (Arriva LN), 397 (HCT Group), 488 (Tower Transit), CE+2 on 242/N242 (Arriva LN), 277/N277 (Stagecoach East London), W14 (Tower Transit).

5th Mar 22: CR on 308 (Tower Transit), 415 (Abellio) W15 (Tower Transit to G-A London General), W16 (HCT Group),

CE+2 on 58 (Tower Transit), 97, 215, 238/= (Stagecoach East London), 101 (G-A Blue Triangle), 309 (HCT Group), 325 (Arriva LN), W11, W12 (HCT Group).

12th Mar 22: CR on 549 (Stagecoach East London to Sullivan Buses), 667 (G-A Blue Triangle to Stagecoach East London), 677 (Stagecoach East London to G-A Blue Triangle), CE+2 on 167 (Stagecoach East London), 379 (G-A London General), W13 (HCT Group).

19th Mar 22: CR on U5\* (Abellio).

26th Mar 22: CE+2 on 76/= (G-A London General), 259 (Arriva LN), 362, 462 (Stagecoach East London).

2nd Apr 22: CR on 13/= (Tower Transit), 432 (G-A London General to Arriva LS), CR7 on 617,629 (Sullivan Buses), 678 (Stagecoach East London to Tower Transit), CE+2 on 2/N2, 19/N19, 249 (Arriva LS), 113/N113 (Metroline), R1/R11, R2, R3, R4, R6, R8 (G-A Metrobus).

9th Apr 22: CE+2 on S3 (London United).

16th Apr 22: CE+2 on 195 (Abellio), X26 (G-A Metrobus).

30th Apr 22: CR7 on 111/= (London United to Abellio), CR7 on 322\*(G-A London General to Abellio), 350 (Abellio), CR7 on U10 (Metroline West), CE+2 on 110 (London United), 236 (Tower Transit), 394 (HCT Group), P4 (Stagecoach Selkent), U1, U2, U3, U4 (Metroline West).

21st May 22: CR7 on 135 (G-A Blue Triangle to Tower Transit) 433\* (Abellio), CE+2 on 464 (Abellio).

4th June 22: CR7 on 217 (Sullivan Buses), CE+2 on 253/N253, 254 (Arriva LN).

25th June 22: CR7 on 70 (London United), 245 (Metroline Travel), CE+2 on 120, 245, 260, 302 (Metroline Travel), R68, R70 (Abellio).

28th May 22: CR7 on 177 (Stagecoach Selkent), CE+2 on E6 (Metroline West).

2nd July 22: CE+2 on 465, C1 (London United).

23rd July 22: CE+2 on 280 (G-A London General).

30th July 22: CR7 on 613, 662, 665 (London United) 671 (London United to Abellio).

27th Aug 22: CR7 on 116 (London United), 119/= (G-A Metrobus), 198 (Arriva LS), 264/=\* (Arriva LS to G-A Metrobus), A10 (Metroline West) CE+2 on 50, 194, 250/=, (Arriva LS), 320 (G-A Metrobus).

3rd Sep 22: CE+2 on 90 (Metroline Travel)

12th Oct 22: CR7 on 226\* (Metroline West to London United).

22nd Oct 22: CR on 220/= (London United).

29th Oct 22: CR7 on 295/=\* (Metroline West to London United).

## OTHER SPECIAL and MISCELLANEOUS non-TfL OPERATIONS IN LONDON

No new applications this month.

## DIVERSIONS, DEVIATIONS AND DISRUPTIONS

**Central:** To clarify a report from TLB671, when I said that Threadneedle Street was closed to facilitate pedestrian and cycle movements, this only affected eastbound buses. This was due to end on 31st December 2020 but not subsequently reported, although I did say at the time that we were not sure if this was permanent. Bus stop notices say the stops are closed “until further notice” and temporary barriers remain in place. As mentioned in TLB685 under consultations, this looks like being a permanent change. Thanks to member Alan for corresponding with me for this.

From 11th to 23rd October, owing to telecommunications work on St. Giles High Street, Tottenham Court Road, terminating routes **8, 176/=, N68 and N242** were cut back to start at Holborn. Route **14/=** was diverted direct southbound via Shaftsbury Avenue, with **N253** standing on New Oxford Street. Then from 25th October to 18th November, the works moved to Earnshaw Street, so it was then the turn of routes **1/N1 and N171** to be curtailed at Holborn.

From 1st to 28th November, owing to water works in Pimlico Road, routes **11/N11, 170 and 211** are diverted westbound via Semley Place, Ebury Street, Eccleston Street, Eaton Square, Eaton Gate, Cliveden Place, Sloane Square and Lower Sloane Street. From 1st to 13th November, owing to road works in Millbank, routes **3/N3 and 87/N87** are diverted towards Trafalgar Square via Horseferry Road, Marsham Street, Great Smith Street and Broad Sanctuary.

**South:** The long-term diversions around Croydon Katharine Street and Park Street remain in place until further notice, though this may be more to do with the major construction work taking place in the area. From 19th October to 12th December, owing to gas works in The Manor Drive, Worcester Park, route **S3** is diverted westbound via Malden Road and Church Road.

From 25th October to 10th November, owing to traffic light works in Fir Tree Road, Banstead, route **166** was diverted in both directions via Reigate Road, Tattenham Way and Brighton Road. From 25th to 31st October, owing to cosmetic works in Thessaly Road, Battersea, route **P5** was unable to serve Patmore Estate, and was curtailed from there to Wandsworth Road/ Larkhall Park, unless they turned around by Stockwell Bus Garage?

From 25th October to 17th December, owing to telecommunications works in Downton Avenue, Streatham Hill, route **P13** is diverted northbound via Streatham Hill and Christchurch Road. From 25th to 29th October, owing to roadworks in Woodcote Valley Road, Purley, route **434** was diverted via Foxley Lane and Smitham Bottom Lane in both directions. Thanks to Martin for the report.

**South-East:** The long-term diversions in Rye Lane, Peckham for social distancing measures, were withdrawn from 30th September, and routes returned to normal line of route. From 22nd October to 3rd December owing to preliminary work on the Silvertown Tunnel project, Boord Street, North Greenwich is closed. Route **108/=** is diverted southbound via Dreadnought Street, Blackwall Lane to Millenium Way. It does seem likely this might become a permanent diversion, so this will be confirmed next month.

From 19th October to 31st October, route **464** was diverted at Biggin Hill in both directions via Norheads Lane and Oaklands Road. This was due to a road traffic accident on Saltbox Hill; which initially affected the westbound routeing from 19th September, but was also closed for repairs and water works.

From 18th October to 14th November, owing to works at Foots Cray Tesco, route **321/=** was cutback to terminate at Foots Cray, Crittall's Corner roundabout. From 5th to 30th October and again from 4th November to 21st November, owing to gas works in Castillion Road, then Waters Road in Downham, route **124** is diverted in both directions via Verdant Lane and Hazelbank Road. Having mentioned the Mon-Fri midday cutback of routes **R5/10** in TLB686, once again, this time for drainage works in Cudham Lane North, the road is closed from 26th October to 23rd November and routes operate direct via Pratt's Bottom. Hopefully this narrow stretch of road will have been thoroughly re-constructed by now!

**South-West:** On 8th October, a sink-hole appeared near the junction of Chessington Road/Kingston Road in Ewell. Route **406** was diverted in both directions via London Road and Ewell By-pass, with route **467** diverting northbound via Kingston Road, Beggar's Hill and Ewell By-pass, although routes had been restored to normal by 22nd October. Thanks to Graham for the report. From 23rd October to 5th November, owing to electrical works in Putney Heath, route **424** was curtailed between Wildcroft Road and Green Man. Nearby, and from 27th October to 15th November, owing to a collapsed sewer in Upper Richmond Road, routes **337, 430 and N74** were diverted in both directions via Putney Heath and Putney Hill, with 337 and N74 joining route 430 via Dover House Road.

**West:** From 11th to 18th October, owing to telecommunications work in Vanston Place, Fulham Broadway, terminating buses on route **11** stood on Harwood Road, prior to departing via Fulham Broadway Station, Edith Grove and Kings Road. Thanks to John for the report. From 1st to 9th November, Oldfield Lane North, Greenford was closed for resurfacing, so route **92** diverted via Berkeley Avenue and Greenford Road, ironically following the new route proposed under consultation! Thanks to Haydn for the report.

From 1st to 8th November, gas and water works in Grove Road, Hounslow caused a number of diversions eastbound. Routes **81, 203, 222/=, H32/=, H98 and N9** diverted via Bath Road, Lampton Road, Spring Grove Road and Kingsley Road. Routes **116, 117, 235, 237, 423 and 635** diverted via Wellington Road South and Hanworth Road. Route **120** diverted via Balfour Road, Alexandra Road, Prince Regent Road, Cecil Road and Kingsley Road. Finally, routes **E8 and H22** were cutback to Hounslow Bus Station and **H20** started in Lampton Road.

**North-West:** from 13th to 26th October, owing to gas works in Dollis Hill Lane, route **232** was diverted westbound via Crest Road, Tanfield Avenue and Neasden Lane.

**North:** From 18th October to 7th November, owing to gas works in Brockley Hill, Stanmore, routes **107 and 324** were diverted southbound via Edgware Way.

**East:** From 25th to 31st October, owing to road works in Bathurst Road, Ilford, route **364** was diverted eastbound via Wellesley Road, Airlie Gardens and Coventry Road.

## **COUNTRY AREAS - Route Developments**

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### **NATIONAL EXPRESS**

From 1st January 2022 services that are registered as local bus services in part will convert to 'Express' status. For example the A3 (Victoria & Gatwick) and 925 (Heathrow & Woking) will no longer accept local passengers and (where valid) ENCTS passes. Elsewhere in Surrey and Sussex NX services 025/026/028 plus in Herts and Beds 707/737/777/787 are also affected.

### **West and South ESSEX, including THURROCK**

#### Monday 16th August:

21 (*NIBS*) (Brentwood & Ongar, M-S) Timetable changes between peaks M-F.

31 (*NIBS*) (Brentwood & Bishops Hall Estate, M-S) Between peaks M-F reduced from x20 to x30min.

#### Saturday 4th December (ONLY):

The annual Ensignbus Vintage Bus Day is due to operate once again. Timings are on [www.lots.org.uk](http://www.lots.org.uk) and of course on [www.ensignbus.com](http://www.ensignbus.com) websites. Each service runs x30mins.

X21 Upminster Station- Hall Lane- Brentwood High Street- Kelvedon Hatch- Ongar Four Wantz.

X55 Upminster Station- Aveley- Lakeside- Greenhithe Stn- Bluewater- Gravesend West Street.

X81H Shenfield Station- Brentwood High St & Stn- Great Warley- Lakeside- Grays- Tilbury Ferry.

X54 This is an additional route:- Lakeside to Purfleet Heritage Centre and RAF Hornchurch Heritage Centre, every 30mins. The 54 number is used in honour of 54 Squadron who were based at Hornchurch for a long period including throughout the Battle of Britain. Both places are well worth a visit.

### **HERTFORDSHIRE and southern BEDFORDSHIRE**

The new Bus Station at Stevenage is essentially completed although highway works remain to be sorted; an opening date is likely during February 2022.

#### Sunday 21st November:

Arriva KT Stevenage town services 2, 3, 4, 5 have temporary frequency reductions due to a driver shortage. Route 301 (Stevenage & St Albans) settled as x30min M-S daytime.

#### Monday 29th November:

383/384 (*Central Connect*) (Hertford & Stevenage M-S) Afternoon SDO journeys retimed earlier and the morning SDO duplicate adopted a slightly modified route into Hertford.

### **BUCKINGHAMSHIRE and east BERKSHIRE (incl. borders of eastern OXFORDSHIRE)**

#### Sunday 24th October:

101 (*Carousel*) (High Wycombe & Uxbridge, M-S) The 101 is temporarily withdrawn and the 102, 104 and 105 have temporary timetable changes. The 102/103/104 now have a x20min service instead of an uneven frequency between High Wycombe and Maxwell Road Beaconsfield, while the Gerrards Cross- Uxbridge section of 102 also has the 104/105.

#### Sunday 31st October:

280 (*Arriva tS*) (Aylesbury & Oxford) Sunday running time increased substantially.

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Monday 1st November:

- 16 (Red Rose) (Aylesbury & Marsh Gibbon, M-S) M-F peak timing changes with duplicate SDO journeys withdrawn. Then from 3rd to 24th November another road closure for HS2 work is causing a temporary timetable revision.
- 17 (Red Rose) (Aylesbury & Bicester, M-S) Timing changes for reliability to cope with road works for HS2 and developments at Berryfields.
- 500 (AtS) (Aylesbury & Watford, M-S) Part of Hemel allocation returned to Aylesbury Garage.
- 616 (Red Rose) (Aylesbury & Waddesdon School, SDO) Morning journey retimed earlier due to the road works as in 17 above.
- 883 (Redline) (Cheddington & Tring, SDO) Withdrawn (last day probably Fri 22 Oct on half-term).

Sunday 7th November:

- 8/8A (First Berkshire) (Slough & Heathrow T5) Timetable changes with an increase on Saturdays.
- 12/13 (First Berkshire) (Slough & Burnham, M-S) M-F peak timing changes.
- 800/850 (AtS) (High Wycombe & Reading, Daily) M-F peak timing changes.
- X74 (First Berkshire) (Slough & High Wycombe, Daily) M-F peak timing changes.

**SURREY and northern parts of WEST SUSSEX**

Monday 11th October:

- 50 (Buses 4U) The 16:55 (M-F) Dorking to Walliswood retimed to 17:15.

Monday 1st November:

- 515 (Falcon Coaches) Two M-F am journeys adjusted for arrival at Esher High School.

Sunday 7th November:

- 8/8A (First Berkshire) Timetable changes with an increase on Saturdays.

Saturday 13th November:

- A (Arriva K&S) (Guildford & Royal Surrey County Hospital, Daily) Last day of operation, said to be due to a 'driver shortage'. It will not be replaced and in any case the whole route is already covered variously by Safeguard 4 and 5 and Stagecoach 1.
- C (Arriva K&S) (Guildford & Grange Park circular, Daily) Already suspended since 23rd March 2020 as a casualty of the pandemic, it will not be replaced and is already covered by Stagecoach 2.

Saturday 18th December:

Arriva K&S Guildford Garage is to close down after operating on Friday 17th. The routes have a large geographic range with several local routes within Guildford and Woking and longer ones to Horsham, Epsom and to Bagshot and Camberley. The route list is thus: 3 (Suns), 18, 28 (one odd jny over Falcon's M-S service), 34/35 (incl.134/135), 36/37, 47, 53, 63/63X, 91, 436, 479. Coverage already decided is as below although a few remain to be settled.

The Sunday 3, the 18, the 28 odd journey plus the 479 are SurreyCC contracts. The 3 and 28 are likely to be covered by other operators while the 18 and 479 (M-S) are offered by SurreyCC. Stagecoach already run the Sunday 479 and Safeguard likewise on the Mon-Sat 3.

Saturday 18th December:

- 1/2 (*Stagecoach South*) (Guildford & University/ Hospital/ Grange Park circulars, Daily) The western part via the University, the 1, will be extended across Guildford via Epsom Road to Merrow, Bushy Hill Estate to replace part of Arriva 36/37. Mon-Sat x15min daytime to 20:00, late evenings x20/x30, Sundays x20 daytime, evenings x30. No change to service level on existing 1 and 2.
- 6 (*Stagecoach South*) New Daily route to replace the other part of Arriva 36/37: Guildford via London Road, Burpham and Langdale Drive to an anti-clockwise loop at Merrow Park at Kingfisher Drive. Frequencies Mon-Sat day x20, evenings x30, Sundays x60. On the return journeys from Merrow Park buses would divert via Burpham Sainsbury's. Note that the Weylea Farm deviation off London Road of the 36/37 is not yet covered although something is expected..
- 34/35 (Guildford & Camberley via Woking, Knaphill and Bagshot, Daily) Arriva service replaced by *Stagecoach South* to pre-pandemic levels. The 134 and 135 school journeys renumbered 34/35.
- 36/37 (*Arriva K&S*) (Guildford, circular via London Road, Burpham, Merrow Park, Bushy Hill, Epsom Road back to Guildford (Daily). Withdrawn, although see Stagecoach 1 and 6 above. The deviation to Weylea Farm is not now included although a coverage may be 'to come'.
- 47 (West End & Brookwood Station, Mon-Fri peaks) Arriva service replaced by *Stagecoach South* except that the deviation via Knaphill Sainsbury's will no longer do so.
- 53 (Guildford & Ewhurst via Cranleigh, Daily) and
- 63 (Guildford & Horsham, Mon-Sat) including the single M-F am peak 63X journey: Arriva service replaced by *Stagecoach South* to pre-pandemic levels.
- 91 (Woking & Knaphill Sainsbury's, Daily, frequencies M-F x12/x15, Sat x20, Sun x30. Also extended to Pirbright M-S evenings and further on to Guildford on Sundays). Arriva service replaced by *Stagecoach South*.
- 436 (Woking & Weybridge, M-S) Arriva service replaced by *Falcon Coaches* to existing levels.

Tuesday 4th January 2022:

*Hallmark (Diamond Bus)* has registered both the 91 and 436 from this date, both essentially as above and as they are at present. It remains to be seen if these competing registrations are taken up.

**North and west KENT**

Monday 27th September:

AZ (*Go Coach*) It is reported that the original routeing out of Dartford (TLB684 p26) was finally adopted from this date, instead of the temporary routeing via Burnham Road (TLB685 p20).

Monday 1st November:

306/308 Transferred from Arriva K&S to Red Route Buses after abandonment by Arriva. Whole route is now a KentCC contract- previously it was just the evening journeys – and to the same pattern of service. The 308 is the main service Mon-Sat (except evenings) Gravesend & Sevenoaks via Borough Green. The 306 consists of (1) M-F peaks, also one Sat morning Sevenoaks & Gravesend with some journeys on to Swanscombe and (2) Mon-Sat evenings Borough Green & Gravesend and on to Bluewater.

Tuesday 2nd November:

Changes to Go-Coach SDO routes S7 and S8: S7 now non-stop from Chipstead Park to Trinity School; S8 from Sevenoaks departs 10mins earlier, running after Riverhead via Worships Hill, Witches Lane and Bullfinch Lane to Riverhead Tesco. On the afternoon return journey the S8 will no longer serve the stop inside the grounds of Knole Academy but the Bradbourne Farm stop on the A25.

## PUBLICITY NEWS

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Following last month's publication of the new Tube map showing the Northern Line extension, the September 2021 'accessible' editions have now been released. **"Step-free Tube guide"** is available in the usual slimline and pocket sized formats, whilst **"Colour large print Tube map"** is A5 when folded. All feature the usual yellow covers associated with TfL's Accessibility Guides. As would be expected, each includes the new addition on the Northern line. Missing from the range is a September 2021 black and white large print Tube map. However, the December 2020 edition of **"Black and white large print Tube map"** has finally appeared in the public realm after early indications that an updated map was not going to be published. The key change since the last edition reviewed in TLB662 is the addition of the Thameslink network to the map.

**"Team London Ambassadors City Map"** is a multifold slimline designed by Where Maps. A July 2019 'Key bus routes in central London' spider map and December 2020 Tube map accompany a range of street maps. Sadiq Khan provides a welcome outlining a range of summer activities between 15 July and 27 August as part of the 'Let's Do London' campaign.

VLW147, RML2649 and MA30 feature on the front of **"Expeditional"**, a double sided A5 promoting the company's bus driving experiences which take place at North Weald Airfield. The reverse advertises the promotional buses available from the same company, illustrated with Routemasters, including the front end of RM997 which is now mounted on a trailer!

NIBS have released **'buses around Brentwood'**, a maroon slimline book valid from July 2021. It provides timetables for routes 23, 31, 81 and 269 plus the 71 and 81 operated by parent company Stephenson's, each of these being mentioned on the cover. All six routes feature on 'your Brentwood network', a colour coded map in the centre of the book. This is illustrated with an Elizabeth line train to highlight the commuting connections available from Brentwood and Shenfield stations

It's estimated to be over eighty years since a direct bus linked the Debden and Loughton areas of Essex with the county town of Chelmsford. This gap in the network has now been filled by **"35"** from First Essex. This 'shopper service' offers one journey in each direction on school day Tuesdays until 19 July 2022. The landscape format A5 sheet, valid from September 2021, has the times plus the dates of the school holiday Tuesdays when the service will not operate.

Uno's **"Hertfordshire bus times"** is a slimline book valid from 26 September 2021. The seventy-six pages contain full timetables, except Sunday contracts on routes 242 and 304/357. A network map and map of St. Albans each receive a double page spread, whilst the rear cover unfolds to show a map for the Welwyn and Hatfield area plus details of day, week and term fares.

Dated 31 August 2021, **"X30 X94"** is a new multifold slimline from White Bus giving details of these two routes which run between Heatherwood Hospital at Ascot and Frimley Park Hospital.

To mark the extension of some journeys to Farnborough, Thames Valley have issued **"194 Bracknell Crowthorne Sandhurst Camberley Farnborough"** valid from August 29th 2021. The multifold slimline features the colours applied to E400MMC number 797 and contains the phrase "You'll easily spot the buses in their smart cherry and scarlet colours..." which is a little premature as 797 is currently the only bus in the new livery.

Metrobus' **"98"** is a four page A5 leaflet with timetable panels and the route number in a blue oval; it is dated 28th August 2021.

Go Coach are virtually unique amongst independent operators in launching its own demand responsive service, which is promoted in **"New taxi style service for Sevenoaks District"**, a four page purple slimline featuring a 'Go2' liveried Ford Transit on the cover. Valid from 18 May it outlines the service and offers first time users a fare of just £5 for any distance. Accompanying this is **"Join our Team"** a double sided purple slimline aiming to recruit Sevenoaks Private Hire drivers or Hackney Carriage drivers to work on the demand responsive service. The start date is given as 10 May 2021.

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## CURRENT VEHICLE NEWS

This section covers the current vehicle news (including initial disposals) pertaining to bus operators within the "TLB" area, roughly comprising the old LT/LCBS areas. All current vehicle reports to David Stewart at 5 Kathleen Avenue, Wembley, HA0 4JH ( e-mail to davestewart297@gmail.com )

### General news:

A prototype BYD/ADL E400EV 10.3m version (ADL are now offering 10.3m as well as 10.9m) has appeared. Seating looks like H38/24D and it also has charging rails on the roof.

Wrightbus has changed the titling for their current range of vehicles. The non-diesel single-decker is the "GB Kite" that has sub-names of "Hydroliner (FCEV)" or "Electroliner (BEV)", depending on whether it is powered by hydrogen or electricity (battery), The new Euro VI diesel single decker is the "GB Hawk". Both are named after birds.

The StreetLite diesel now has a sub-name of "Ultroliner". The StreetDeck has sub-names of, "Hydroliner", "Electroliner" or "Ultroliner", depending on whether it is powered by hydrogen, electricity (battery) or diesel fuel.

The Route 93 Running Day on 9th October featured numerous visiting buses. Most were in free service but other private buses were "on fly-by" and not carrying passengers. These vehicles were logged:

RT 1, 1658, 1705, 2177, 4779, plus green RT 604 on the Surrey end; RTL 1427, RTW 467; RM 9, 597, 848, 2208; RML 3, 880, 898, 2579, 2592; LT 1000; M 1069, BL 81 and RF 600; TPL 264, VPL 630 and VP 614 (each ex Metroline); WVL 1 (LBM), WVL 204 (ex GAL), Dart DPS 689 (ex LU), Go Coach 8310 (ex GAL PVL 167), Trident TA 23 (ex Abellio) and ex-Epsom Coaches Bedford SB coach. Otherwise, no-shows from the plan were RMC 1453, RML 2760 and the Falcon double-decker.

The Plumstead (PD) Garage open day on 30th October attracted RT 4779 and MD 60 on route 53 from Elephant & Castle, while after the event RT 4779 ran on the 122 to Crystal Palace. See the Stagecoach section in *Current Vehicle News* for a full report.

The Centenary of former Country Area route 408 will occur on Tuesday 16th November. A special run begins from Epsom where green RTs 3148 and 3491 have a photo call with a modern-day 408 (Falcon's Epsom- Cobham service). RT 3491 and red RT 4779 will run a free public service Epsom to Guildford, back to West Croydon and return to Epsom.

### **ABELLIO LONDON (BC,QB,WL), ABELLIO WEST LONDON (GW,TF,WS garages)**

The BYD/ADL E400EVs on order for the take-up of routes 63/N63 from 13th November are to be 3401-29 (LC71 KWJ/K/L/M/N/O/P/R/S/T/U/V/W/X/Y/Z, KXA/B/D/E/F/G/H/J/K/L/M/N/O). As with other operators they are running late and in the meantime, standard E400Hs from within the existing fleet will be used. As we closed for press, 3401 was delivered; it does not have the usual glazed panels on the staircase and the blind box is slightly wider and contains LED displays. I shall record it formally in TLB688 once other details are known.

From 11th December it is intended to transfer all routes at Hayes (WS) Garage to operate temporarily from Fulwell (278, 350, U5) or Southall (482, U7, U9) Garages, no doubt until the new premises at Dawley Road are ready.

Recent repaints/ refurbs include 8331.

Loaned vehicles: 9456 was listed as taken on loan by RATP (as ADE 40476) in June. However it was never recorded as in service there and was subsequently sold by Abellio to The Green Bus in August. We now discover that 9457-60 also returned from RATP in late July and sold on in August.

### Transfers:

(July): 8863 GW/TF (again). (October): 8522 WS/BC.

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----- *Current vehicle news* -----

**ABELLIO LONDON, continued:**

Livery changes:

LT 29 to advert for New Balance.

LT 155 to advert for Korea (Mk.3).

LT 167 to advert for New Balance.

LT 618 from advert for film No Time to Die to one for JD Sports.

LT 999 to Poppy Appeal livery.

Disposals: 9456-60 to Green Bus, Hockley, Birmingham (August).

9514/16-20 to Go Coachhire, Otford, Kent (September).

Subsequent disposals:

Dart 8113 (KX06 LYS) now at Waverley Travel, Edinburgh.

E200s 8559, 8561 (YX11 AEJ, AEL) are now with Gywnfor, Gaerwen, Anglesey.

E200s 8138, 8141 (YX16 OBO, OBS) via B&C Sales, Oxford to Vectare, Essex.

E200 8139 (YX16 OBP) via B&C Sales, Oxford to NIBS, Wickford, Essex.

E200s 8559, 8561 (YX11 AEJ, AEL) are now with Gywnfor, Gaerwen, Anglesey.

Dart/East Lancs 8769 (LK56 JKN), 8770 (LK56 JKO), 8771 (LK56 JKV), 8772 (LK07 CBF), once with Surrey CC and Abellio Surrey (by 2011) went to Lloyds, Machynlleth who re-registered them to RIG 3819/20/21 (ex JKV/O/N in that order) and WLZ 5647 (ex CBF).

Volvo B7TL 9021 (BX55 XLS) is at Andrew's, Groby, Leicestershire.

Volvo B7TL 9060 (BX55 XNO) via RGI to Isle Coaches, Owston Ferry, North Lincolnshire.

Volvo B7TL 9064 (BX55 XNT) has been withdrawn by Hulleys, Baslow, Derbyshire.

**ARRIVA LONDON** (part of Deutsche Bahn)

**ARRIVA LONDON NORTH** - AD, AE, AR, CT, DT, DX, E, EC, GY and WN.

**ARRIVA LONDON SOUTH** - BN, N, TC and TH.

New EAs continued to drift in with the last (EA 22) arriving at Brixton on 1st November. The batch of Ts at Dartford (T 287-300) that were surplus when route 160 was lost to Stagecoach on 18th September, have finally begun to move in late October. They will replace much older Ts at Norwood that are earmarked for disposal. Some of the HVs displaced by EAs on route 319 at Brixton have started to move out, most to Grays for storage prior to having a refurbishment. Ultimately HV 132-144 are earmarked for Norwood when route 432 is assumed (from Go-Ahead) on 2nd April 2022.

LT 177, accident victim from 12th April, was back in service on 11th October. LT 317 suffered an accident on 4th June. It is a while since a T worked the 335, but T 297 was out on 12th October.

The HTs at Croydon (TC) tend to stick to the 405 but there have been a fair number on the 60 and 264 during this year. However, they are very rare on routes 194, 412 and 466 with 1, 2 and 2 appearances (respectively) this year. One of the two on the 466 was HT 23 on 6th October.

More recent repaints/refurbs include DW 318, 323, 335, 488, 541, 560.

New deliveries (October 17-21, November 22):

EA 17-22 (LG71 DKU/V/X/Y, DLD/E)

BYD D8UR-DD – AD Enviro400EV-City 10.9m H41/23D. ULW 13345 kg.

Transfers:

(Correction to TLB686): ENL 77 and ENX 30 should be GYw. HV 141 remained in use at BN.

(March): DLA 620 Nt/Nw. (June): LT 317 AR/ARu.

(October): DLA 620 Nw/ECw. DW 247 DT/DX. DW 405 E/DX. DW 408, 409, 410, 412 E/AR. DW 487, 488 WN/E. DW 540, 541, 579, 580, 582 AR/EC.

EA 11, 12, 14, 16 BNu/BN. EA 17-21 --/BNu/BN. HV 132, 133, 134, 143, 144 BN/GYu.

HV 146, 148 BN/AE/GYu. HV 268 AR/AD. LT 3 CT/E. LT 177 Eu/E. LT 198 CT/E.

T 38 TC/DT. T 69 TC/ECu. T 278 AD/TC. T 288, 293, 295, 299 DT/N.

DWL 72 Nw/ECw. ENL 21, 26 DX/ECu. ENX 2, 3, 4 DT/TC. SLS 23 TH/N.

### **ARRIVA LONDON, Continued:**

In practice, T 69, ENL 21, 26 above were moved to Milton Keynes for initial storage, but perhaps for engineering attention.

(November): EA 22 --/BNu/BN. HV 145, 152 BN/DT. LT 191 CT/E. T 289, 290, 291 DT/N.

#### Livery changes:

LT 331 to advert for Korea (Mk.3).  
LT 345 from advert for Gorillas (Mk.1) back to red.  
LT 347 to advert for Capital One.  
LT 519 from advert for Zapp to one for Gorillas (Mk.2).  
LT 565 to advert for Korea (Mk.3).  
LT 579 from advert for Sage back to red.  
LT 600 to advert for Capital One.  
LT 729 to advert for Monzo Bank.  
LT 954 to advert for Capital One.  
LT 975 from advert for Bananas to one for Currys.

### **ARRIVA'S 'COUNTRY BUSES' (within ASC and ATS)**

Vehicles in each part that are based at the relevant garages are covered in full, with any transfers to or from other areas of AtS and ASC outside our sphere of coverage mentioned where necessary. These are: Colchester (CO), Southend (SE), Milton Keynes (MK), Gillingham (GL), Maidstone (MD) and Tunbridge Wells (TW).

#### **Part 1: North West Kent and West Surrey** (GF, A-K&S licence and NF, AKT licence)

Adding to notes in TLB686, it is understood that the Guildford (GF) Garage site was sold to a developer three years ago and merely leased back until the developers needed it. Now they do need it and wish to take possession during December. In spite of the threat of flooding – something that has occurred many times over the years – a block of flats will be built on the site. Operations by Arriva will come to an end on Friday 17th December and the vehicles will be dispersed within Arriva. Other operators will assume the routes with their own buses from the 18th. Noted that this is not a take-over, Arriva stop and the others start afresh.

Disposals and loans: After a fairly long period on loans, five of NF's buses are now regarded as 'permanent' transfers to Gillingham. They are E200Darts 4060/61 and StreetLites 4327/31/37. Volvo d/d 6155 (from Area 3) is now 'permanent' while sister bus 6200 is being prepared for a move from NF to TW. E200Dart 4038 is now on loan from NF to Colchester; this many turn out to be permanent.

Now proper disposals: 1559 and 1622 from NF plus coach 2879 from GF (although officially attached to Tunbridge Wells) all to Hardwicks, Barnsley (October).

#### **Part 2: Hertfordshire and West Essex** (HA, HH, SV, WA and WE garages (all A-KT licence).

StreetLite 4288 at Stevenage has been repainted to the 1971 'Superbus' yellow and blue livery. In a fairly typical move there was no nod to history as on its first day in service (21st October) it went out on route 100 to Luton. Of course the Superbuses in 1971 (and for some years afterwards) were invariably on route SB1 to Chells – a route that remains today (albeit with an extension), while the 100 covers what was then a United Counties service. I hear that it will be 'launched' formally on 16th November.

Recent repaints to the lighter blue:- 4237.

### **ARRIVA'S COUNTRY BUSES Part 2, continued:**

Arriva has been muddled for some time over Sprinters – who hasn't?! Watford 'Click' bus AC011 (RX18 LNF) has been carrying 1015 from its former life at Midlands. It is based at Hemel Hempstead and as '1015' had made it to the official fleetlist, even though it was wrong. However, during October it has finally had its number corrected to AC011. Arriva SC's real 1015 (BF67 WGN) remains at Ware Garage as a ferry vehicle.

The former Garston (GR) Garage had been left untouched since its closure but in October Watford Council finally gave approval for demolition and this began very quickly. As usual, it will be replaced by housing with 127 flats.

Transfers (October): 1457, 1459 HA/HAu. 1460 HA/WE.

Transfer to Area 3 (November): 6460, 6462 from Area 2 (HH) to Area 3 (AY).

### **Part 3: Bedfordshire and Buckinghamshire** (AY, LD and WB garages, on AtS licence)

The two E40Ds 4400/01 recently acquired retain their old-style Sapphire branding, albeit publicising Midlands route 38 in Derby; not that that matters too much as they are usually to be found on route 500 plying between Aylesbury and Watford!

3962 (LD) has gained a name "Rob Figgins", a well-known Luton FC fan.

SB200 3813 has at last been repainted from white to standard Arriva livery.

Loans of Citaros 3043 and 3924 to MK were reversed in October, going back to AY (then going on to WB). Other stood-down buses from AY have been parked at MKu (see below).

Transfers in from Area 2: 6460/62 (SN58 EOC/E) AD Trident – AD Enviro400 10.8m H47/34F- 2008. On 1st November these moved from HH when workings on route 500 transferred to AY.

Transfers: (October): 2451 AY/MKu. 2704 WB/WBu. 3043, 3924 MK loan/AYu/WB. 3646 WB/WBu. 3798 AY/MKu. 3923 AY/AYu/WB. 6002 WB/WBu,  
(November): 6460/62 HH/AY.

Disposals: Temsa coaches 7102/3/4 have turned up with Centrebus.

### **CARDINAL BUSES, New Haw, Surrey**

Ref. TLB686, GX53 MWU came from RSM Driver training, Basildon, Essex.

Acquired (August) from Chiltern Bus, High Wycombe, Bucks, formerly Metroline TE 715: TE 715 (LK56 FHH) AD Trident – AD Enviro400 10.1m H41/26D – 2006.

Disposals:

Dart DC 102 (KX03 HZP) to Burrow's Coaches, Blandford Forum, Dorset who has re-registered it to T666 BFX. (August).

Trident TA 536 (LY02 OAB) to Candy Coaches, Morden (July).

### **CARLONE BUSES, Lyne, Surrey**

New delivery (October): WN71 NDG, now re-regd to CA71 ONE M-B I-City B20F.

Additional info (TLB685 p26 refers): CA21 ONE was formerly AYZ 8531.

### **CAROUSEL BUSES, High Wycombe**

Acquired (November), from Reading Transport (Thames Valley Buses) and new to Courtney: 431, 432 (YJ65 EVM, EVN) Optare Versa V1170 B44F – 2015.

These have been acquired to increase the availability of Euro-VI buses.

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## **CENTRAL CONNECT (Galleon Travel 2009 Ltd), Roydon Essex**

The second MetroDecker will be CT71 GAL and is due soon. The last two E20Ds CC71 GAL and CE71 GAL have still not been delivered as we closed for press.

### Acquired (October):

YJ21 FDD Optare MetroDecker MD1114 H51/25F – built 2019. As expected, this bus that been tried out elsewhere (including Centaur) has now settled here. It remains in two-tone green (Green Line style) but with no lettering, from its time at Reading. It had most recently been with Centaur.

## **CENTREBUS, Luton and Stevenage**

Re the nomadic B8RLE/ MCV buses, Luton has settled with 634/5/6/7 (BU16 UWL/M/N/S), all now used on the Busway services, while Grantham has 630/1/2 (UWK/P/O); 633 (possibly UWR) does not seem to have a home yet. Former Busway buses 707/8/9 have been stood down.

Perhaps it will be of interest that four electric buses were due for use in Leicester – Yutong E12EV (thus 12m) B37F, regs YD71 FKW/X/Y/Z. There had been a report a while back that electric buses would come to Luton but this seems very unlikely now that the B8RLEs have arrived here.

Those of you who follow bustimes.org for fleet details should be aware that there are quite a few buses in this fleet that are showing IDs for completely different vehicles; changing and re-calibrating ticket machines is not a strong point here!

Disposal: Solo 259 to Centrebus (North) at Grantham (October).

## **DIAMOND BUS SOUTH-EAST (Hallmark connections Ltd) Stanwell**

(including Hotel Hoppa) part of Rotala plc

StreetDeck 40714 was de-roofed at Isleworth on 13th June 2021 but was rebuilt by mid-August.

## **ENSIGNBUS, Purfleet**

Ensignbus has continued to provide help to Stagecoach South East (East Kent) though September and October, swapping over Volvo B9TLs on most weekends. Now that some of the Optare bodied buses are being sold, Volkvos from a later batch are now involved as well.

### Disposals:

Volvo B9TL 115 to Redline, Aylesbury, Bucks (October).

Volvo B9TL 119 to Crosskeys, Folkestone. Kent (October).

Leyland PD3 280 (5280 NW) to York Pullman (October).

## **FALCON COACHES, Byfleet**

New vehicle: After all, the new Volvo B5TL/ MCV did retain its registration LK71 DKV; the seating split is H45/30F and length is 10.439m (usually termed 10.5m).

Acquired: Correction to TLB686: YX18 KUT is 9.0m (not 10.9m and thus B26F is correct).

Disposal: E200 KX08 HMD to Select Bus Services, Penkrige, Staffs. (by October).

## **FIRST in BERKSHIRE (First Beeline Buses Ltd) (RG, SH depots)**

Citaro 64017 that had been a driver trainer at Slough was back in passenger service by early October. A new trainer, all yellow with graphics, is now at Slough.

Acquired (by October) from First Hampshire & Dorset, as a driver trainer.:

66903 (MX55 FFP) Volvo B7LE – Wright Eclipse Urban B43F – 2005.

Disposals: Citaros 64019 and 64020 have left the fleet (by September). These have not turned up with any other First company although both retain current registrations.

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## **GO-AHEAD LONDON**

**BLUE TRIANGLE**– RR,DS; **DOCKLANDS BUSES**– SI; **LONDON CENTRAL**- BX, MG, NX, PM, Q; **LONDON GENERAL**- A, AF, AL, LS, NP, PL, RA and SW; **METROBUS**– C, MB.

WVL 204 last ran at Merton – on its usual school route 655 – on 22nd July, but was in due course sold off. More WHVs have begun to drift from NX to east London (RR) for school service work. The last ex-Metrobus Scania's were a long time dying with two returning to service. In the end, 971/2 were active on the D7 until 18th October while 973 last ran on the night of 14th/15th October. However, 973 suddenly re-appeared on LVF as in use again (15:00-23:00) on 1st November – and on later days too.

At 22:00 on 8th October DOE 8 was on route 154 in Mollison Drive, South Beddington when it suffered an on-board fire – arson on the upper deck. The top half of the bus was destroyed and by looking at press pictures it is inconceivable that it would be rebuilt.

The odd E200 that arrived here in July from RATP that was christened rather bizarrely as 'OM 1' as a spare for the 'real' OMs (MetroCitys) when Go-Ahead took over route S1, last ran here on the 6th of October. In any case the S1 usually fielded two or three SEs anyway so it wasn't really needed.

Several of the early SEe buses normally fixed on the 507 and 521 have been on route 153 lately, a route that had been limited to 10.8m buses – these are the 12m version. There is an ongoing programme to convert some ex Red Arrow buses to be upseated to B31D for use on routes 360 and 444 in due course.

The eighteen BYD/ADL E400EVs due for route 132 at BX should start to arrive in London fairly soon, They will be EP 1-18 (LG71 DZH/J/K/L/M/N/O/P/R/S/T/U/V/W/X/Y/Z and EAA). However, although the electric installation has been done at BX - both plug-in and pantograph versions - the power supply is not likely to be connected until late January 2022.

Transfers: Outstations at LS=Luton, FK=Folkestone, NH=Newhaven, KL=King's Lynn).

(July): In TLB686, delete 972 SIw, it returned to service (but see October below).

(September): In TLB686, delete 971 SIw, it returned to service (but see October below).

Also in TLB686, E 1 transfer should be Cw/ALs (it's the drivers' rest-bus at Morden Station).

WVL 204 AL/ALw.

(October): 971, 972 SI/SIw. DOE 8 A/Aw (fire). E 124 A/AL. MHV 19, 71 PM/Q.

WHV 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 11 NX/RR. WVL 307, 311, 312 BX/BXt.

(November): E 246, 256 Q/PM.

### Livery changes:

LT 55 from advert for Gorillas (Mk.1) back to red.

LT 280 from advert for film No Time to Die to one for JD Sports.

LT 295 to advert for Monzo Bank.

LT 298 to advert for Capital One.

LT 427 to advert for New Balance.

LT 449 from advert for Calvin Klein back to red.

LT 479 to advert for Monzo Bank.

LT 484 from advert for Nocco back to red.

LT 851 to advert for Korea (Mk.3)

Me 1 to Poppy Appeal livery.

SEe 6, 8, 9, 10, 11 from green livery back to red.

WHV 133 from advert for Cos back to red.

### Disposals:

E 127, 128 to City of Oxford Motor Services (October).

SE 1, 3, 4, 6, 10, 12, 20, 22, 25, 27, 30, 33 and SEN 38 to Ensign Bus (October).

WVL 204 sold to --?-- (by September).

Scania's 970/1/2 off lease (October). At least 971 noted for sale at Chartwell B&C Sales.

Enviro200 'OM 1' (YX09 HJJ) back to RATP (as DE 20022) (October).

## **GO COACHHIRE, Otford and Swanley, Kent (incl. 'The Bus Doctor')**

9512 is now grey for the AZ route but 9513/14/15/18/20 are yellow & purple with 9516/7/9 to follow.

Acquired (September) from Abellio London:

9514/16-20 (SN59 AWC, AWG/H/J/M/O). AD Trident- AD Enviro400 10.1m H4124D – 2009.

Acquired (October) from RATP London (October) formerly OM 20239:

5501 (YJ14 BFY) Optare MetroCity MC990 B25D – 2014.

Disposals:

Volvo B12B 4901 (UK04 BCL), Volvo B7TL 8310 (X567 EGK), M-B515 BF10 VBY had all been withdrawn and have all left the fleet (by October).

## **HCT GROUP (t/a CT PLUS)** (AW and HK garages).

Disposal: White E200s 1341 (YX65 RHK), 1342 (YX65 RHO) to Powells, South Yorkshire.

I presume that the other stragglers 1322 (YY67 HBK), 1344 (YX65 RHK), 1345 (SN15 LKY) have also now left London, given that their last use was on school extras that ceased at the end of July.

## **LANDMARK, Arlesey, Beds.**

E200 MK09 YDU is in an allover advert livery for Heritage Homes, Letchworth Garden City.

## **LONDON BUS COMPANY, Northfleet and Ongar**

The next restoration is expected to be RT 4772, from the 'Canadian' batch.

## **LONDON TRANSIT** – X garage.

A new O'Licence (PK2040755) in the name of London Transit Ltd has been applied for to provide operation from Westbourne Park (X) Garage with a disc allowance of 218 vehicles. Four Transport Managers are named, two each from Tower Transit and RATP.

## **METROBUS, Crawley** (within the Go-Ahead Group) (CY depot)

After quite a long wait, twenty hydrogen fuel-cell buses have been ordered for next year, expected in June 2022. These are Wrightbus' GB Kite Hydroliner FCEV single deck versions. They will be for use on Fastway services in Crawley. The existing Volvo B7RLEs (6001-20) will then be cascaded, some of which would replace the 12-metre 2005-vintage Scania OmniCity single-decks.

On Thursday 28th October the entire Metrobus fleet was altered to be under Brighton & Hove ownership and were added to their O'Licence PK0001213. The separate licence for Metrobus (PK0002125) will no doubt lapse. In practice B&H had managed Metrobus anyway for some time.

The B&H/Metrobus group is to take another 34 Wrightbus HFC buses in due course. By the wording on the announcement, at least some would be used from Crawley and into east Surrey.

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**METROLINE TRAVEL** – AC, AH, EW, HD, HT, KC, PA, PB, PV, SG and W garages, also  
**METROLINE WEST** – G, HZ, ON, UX and WJ garages.  
(within the ComfortDelgro group of Singapore)

During early October there was a gradual swap of buses between routes 17 and 91 at Holloway (HT) so that by the 11th the 17 was mostly LT plus a half-dozen or so BDEs while the 91 was almost all VWH with just a couple of LTs. This situation continued in November and now seems permanent. The one-off ST 812 continues to be at HT and is usually to be found on route 91.

DE 1159 was on route 95 in Southall on 13th October when it was struck from behind by RATP's LT 88 on route H32.

Adding to buses in service at the Alperton open day, Dart DT 16 did two runs on old route 46. VW 1306 and TE 1432 attended the LBM Brooklands event on 24th October while VWH 2011 and RML 903 attended Plumstead Open Day on the 30th, the RML did tours of former routes 696/698.

Recent refurb./ repaints include TE 1432 (completing batch 1420-1448) and VW 1285 (completing batch 1243-1306), DEL 2067, VWH 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2006, 2010, 2011, 2013, 2015.

Off loan: Solo EV OP02 ARE had been at Potters Bar, ostensibly for route PB1. It had been allocated fleet no. 2750 but that was never carried and was never used so the number has been re-used (see below).

New delivery (October):

OEM 2750 (YJ71 GTZ) Optare MetroCity V8700MC-EV (i.e. 8.7m) B24F. ULW 7440kg. This was ordered in March 2020 and is for route PB1, the Potters Bar town service. It has a blue front, red at the rear and white amidships.

Transfers: (h suffix = Hertfordshire Commercial Fleet).

(October): VW 1392/3/4/5 PV/HZu. VWH 2016 HT/W. VWH 2233/34 HT/W.  
VWH 2235/36/37 HZu/PB. VWH 2238 HD/HZu. VWH 2240 PVt/HZu. VWH 2243 HD/PB.  
DE 870 WJ/W. DM 961, 963, 970 AHw/HZw. DE 1159 G/Gu. OEM 2750 --/PBu.  
(November): LT 95. 97 HT/W. VWH 2299, 2301 W/HT.

Livery changes:

LT 100 from advert for Pure Gym to one for New Balance.  
LT 111 to Poppy Appeal livery.  
LT 648 from advert for Pure Gym to one for Korea (Mk.3).  
VWH 2035 from advert for Cos back to red.  
BDE 2627 to advert for FFI (Australian firm Fortescue) green energy.

Disposals: VW 1752/58/63/69/71/81 to Ensign Bus (October).

Tailpieces:

The former OME 2652, now in use by Optare/ Switch, has been repainted from red to a light blue (quite similar to Arriva) and is in use in Glasgow by West Coast Motors.

LT 11 was mentioned in TLB684 p33 as observed in August in Norfolk and appears to be lodging with Equipmake. It was noted again in October, this time at Tibenham Airfield (about 10 miles east of Attleborough). It has 'equipment' of some kind in the lower deck, suggesting that it is acting as a test-bed. It was last used by Metroline on 12th June 2020.

**Grant PALMER, Flitwick, Beds**

Dart Y857 TGH has been withdrawn.

Acquired (October) via Ensign Bus, formerly Lothian 900 and 912:

SN08 BXO, BYC Volvo B9TL – Wrightbus Eclipse Gemini H44/29F - 2008

Changes of registration: SN08 BXO to BU52 WAY, SN08 BXU to BU53 WAY.

**RATP-DEV LONDON** including  
**LONDON UNITED** - AV, FW, JE, RP, S, TV, V and WK (ex HH) garages and  
**LONDON SOVEREIGN** – BT, CP and SO garages. (c suffix= commercial).

Early October saw increasingly more SPs on routes 33 and 371 at Fulwell while the route was waiting until the time it could introduce the new BE-class electric buses on 290 and 371.

BCE 47037, a minor accident victim from 28th August, was logged briefly on LVF as back on 5/6/7th September but not again until 11th October. One (LT 140) of the two LTs that collided in Southall on 22nd September, was back in service on 11th October. However, on 13th October in the very same road in Southall, LT 88 on route H32 collided with the rear of Metroline DE 1159.

DE 20022 was returned from loan to Go-Ahead, first running on the 33 on 15th October.

Not yet reported, but common practice from the start of the Canons Park (CP) adoption of route 698 is the frequent use of ADHs on this route alongside the scheduled VHs, with buses ex-X140. Over at Fulwell, their three active BCEs still work the 65, with quite frequent appearances on the 290 also.

Recent refurb./ repaints include SDE 20279, ADE 40483, 40484.

On 6th November, a Rugby special day at Twickenham, numerous extra DLEs on route 110 and SPs on route 281, scheduled formally as 110R and 281R.

New deliveries (October):

BE 37043/8/9 (LG71 DSZ, DTX/Y), BE 37054-061 (LD71 YLO/P/R/S/T/U/V/W)

BYD D8UR – AD Enviro200EV(MMC) 10.9m B28D, ULW 12481kg (37043-9), 12619kg (37054-61).

BCE 47046/48-51 (LG71 DVU, DVW/X//Y/Z), 47052-53 (LG71 DSX/Y),

47087-92/4/6/7/9 (LG71 DWA/C/D/E/F/J/L/N/O/U),

47100-110 (LG71 DUU/V/Y, DVA/B/C/F/H/J/K/L)

BYD D8UR-DD – AD Enviro400EV-City 10.9m H42/23D. ULW 13345kg.

All the above joined others in store.

Returned to RATP off loan to Go-Ahead: DE 20022.

Loaned vehicles: Abellio E400 9456 was listed as taken on loan by RATP (as ADE 40476) in June. However it was never recorded as in service there and was subsequently sold by Abellio to The Green Bus in August. ADE 40474/5/9/80 also returned to Abellio (as 9457/8/9/60) in July and then sold.

Transfers: (CP- Canons Park, Parr Road, c = commercial).

(October): LT 88 AV/AVu. LT 140 AVu/AV.

DE 20022 G-A loan/FW. BE 37043/8/9, 054-061 --/u.

SP 40190 AV/FW.

BCE 47037 Su/S. BCE 47046/48-53, 47087-92/4/6/7/9, 47100-110 --/u. BCE 47087 u/S.

Livery changes:

BCE 47001 to Poppy Appeal livery.

LT 124 from advert for Bananas back to red.

Disposals:

OM 20239 to Go Coach hire, Otford. Kent (October).

VA 40389 to preservation (believed to be BBPG) (October).

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### **RED EAGLE BUSES, Dinton near Aylesbury**

YX10 BGU and YX10 FEP are more to the new livery.

### **REDLINE BUSES, Aylesbury**

More repaints include LK06 FLB and LK55 KKL.

Acquired: (October) from Ensign Bus No.115:

PO58 NPP Volvo B9TL –Optare Olympus 10.9m H51/21F – 2008.

Disposal: Trident LK08 NVL to Red Rose.

### **RED ROSE TRAVEL, Dinton near Aylesbury**

Repaints to Red Rose livery are SF66 ARV, ARW, YX10 BGK and YX65 BUF (now E18 RRT).

Acquired from Redline and repainted into the full Red Rose livery:

LK08 NVL AD Trident AD Enviro400 10.1m H41/26D – 2008.

### **REDROUTE BUSES, Gravesend**

Acquired (October) via Ensign Bus, formerly Go-Ahead London SE 3, 4, 20, 27 respectively:

LX07 BXK, BXL AD E200Dart – AD Enviro200 10.2m B29D – 2007.

SK07 DZO, SN57 DWP AD E200Dart – AD Enviro200 10.8m B32D – 2007.

These are to cover the last-minute takeover of routes 306/308 from 1st November after Arriva K&S discontinued after 30th October.

### **RICHMOND'S COACHES, Barley, Herts**

New delivery (October): BU71 UNR Volvo B8RLE – MCV EvoRa 10.8m B\*\*F (total required please, probably 38 or 42 as the 12m ones are 46). Thank you, someone!

**STAGECOACH LONDON** (part of Stagecoach Holdings) incorporating:

**EAST LONDON** - BK, BW, NS, RM, T and WH; and **SELKENT** - KB, PD, TB and TL.

The new BYD/ADL E400EVs are starting to come off the production line. They will be numbered 14148-162 (LG71 DNV/X/Y, DOA/H/J/U, DPE/F/K/N/O/U/V/X) for Catford (TL) route 160/660 and 14163-172 (LG71 DPY/Z, DRO/V/X/Z, DSE/O/U/V) for Plumstead (PD) for part of route 180. During October, ten of the batch were at the COP26 event in Glasgow, including being used to ferry delegates around. They will then continue their journey south!

Recent refurb/ repaints include 10303, 12275, 12313, 19731, 19734, 19753.

Accident victim, 12262 from 7th August, was back in use on 14th October with 19857, an accident victim from 3rd September, was back on 26th October. Two fire victims, 12283 and 12394, will not be repaired and are for disposal. 12268 was in an accident in Woolwich on 22nd October.

The Plumstead (PD) Garage open day on 30th October commemorated its opening 40 years ago on 31st October 1981. E400 12345 as the 'Selkent Ambassador' was of course present as was Ensignbus' MD 60. That is the only currently operational Metropolitan to survive from the class that was prominent at PD in 1981. Both "Spirit of London's" were present – 19000 and 11377 – and so were preserved Tridents 17001, 18214 and Dart 34221.

Visiting Stagecoach vehicles were 26234, 34359, 10301, 10941, 11005, 11036, 13907, 15120, 15281, 36569 (trainer). Other visitors were GS 15, RM 8, 1527, RT 1702, 3232, DT 39, DMS 2375, VWH 2011 (ML), Go Coach LX58 CHV, Nu Venture TAL456, and strangely Todmorden PD2 GWU 12. Metroline's RML 903 recreated the 696/698 to BX while MD 60 and RT 1790 worked local tours. TAL 456 (Nu-Venture), RT 1658, RML 2579 and LT 376 worked the service to Woolwich Arsenal. Vehicles were blinded as 53A and 99.

Transfers: (October): 12262 PDU/PD. 12268 PD/PDU. 19857 WHu/WH.

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### **STAGECOACH, continued:**

#### Livery changes:

LT 239 to advert for Monzo Bank.  
LT 247 from advert for Nocco to one for Monzo Bank.  
LT 256 from advert for Pure Gym back to red.  
LT 367 from advert for Ocado to one for Currys.  
LT 377 from advert for Bananas to one for New Balance.  
LT 385 to advert for Capital One.  
11005 and 11363 to Poppy Appeal livery.  
12331 to a 'Globalisation' all-blue livery.

Disposals: Imminent but still parked at WH for now: TfL has advertised for sale RM 324, 871, 1280, 1933, 1941 and 1968. Note that RM 1280 was never part of the batch used by Stagecoach but had been moved here for storage in 2015.

### **SULLIVAN BUSES, South Mimms**

AE 14 has had a repaint – to all red.

### **TOOTBUS - THE ORIGINAL LONDON SIGHTSEEING TOUR, London and Windsor (part of RATP-DEV)**

DLP 262 is another oldie that is still in service.

### **TOWER TRANSIT - LI and X Garages**

StreetDeck WH 31127 moved from LI to X for driver familiarisation prior to some more moving, primarily for use on route 452 and to replace VNs at X ahead of the creation of London Transit.

Recent repaint/ refurb include MV 38237, 38238, DNH 39114, 39122 and DMV 45102.

#### Transfers:

(July): MV 38201/202 LI/X.

(October): WH 31127 LI/X. MV 38237 X/LI.

### **UNIVERSITYBUS (t/a uno), Hatfield and Northampton**

Correction to TLB685: Volvo B8RLEs 358/9 are B46F (not B44F) – physical count done!

An unusual visitor was E400 257 on TfL school bus 692 on 20th October.

The red BYD electric 1470 (former TfL EB 3) is now used on the shuttle service at the University between the de Havilland Campus and the Forum.

The three HertsLynx Sprinters have adopted UNO fleet numbers – 41- RE21 LRJ., 42- RJ21 XDB, 43- RJ21 YNL.

A small snippet from Northampton now: local route 17 was suspended from 30th March 2020 but was restored on 11th October 2021; it uses three E200s from the 517-529 batch.

Disposals: StreetLite 55 and Citaros 304, 305 withdrawn and gone from fleet (October).

### **VECTARE, Rettendon, Essex**

E20D YX67 UXO was here in October on loan.

New delivery (October): 206 (RX71 TGK) M-B Sprinter,

### **WESTBUS (within the ComfortDelgro group of Singapore)**

Correction to Fleetbook: 164 has seating as H43/28F.

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## **The "Where are they now" column (or: Subsequent vehicle disposals)**

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### **Routemasters:**

RM 1058 (204 UXJ) from Mr J Paxton to Signature Motor Homes, Preston, Lancashire. after sales at Historics Auctioneers in July 2020; it is now for sale again. This RM was stored in the Datchet (Berkshire) area for a number of months after the auction.

RMC 1469 from Mr P Wheeler to London Bus Museum, Brooklands, Surrey (October).

RML 2368 from Chiltern Automotive to Mr J Turner-Small, Harpenden, Herts. (January).

### **Olympians:**

NV 36 (N536 LHG) (ex GAL) was sold from Horsburgh (October 2020).

VA 74 (R174 VPU) (ex SLN) was sold from Horsburgh (by October 2020).

VA 129 (R129 EVX) (ex SLN) passed from Catteralls Coaches to unknown owner, Rugby, Warwickshire. (March 2020) and was then sold again in June 2021.

VN 101 (R101 XNO), 153 (R153 HHK, ex LSK 545), 163, 165, 177 R163 HHK etc.), 317 (M317 DGP) (ex SLN) were all sold from Horsburgh (by October 2020).

VN 107 (R107 XNO) (ex SLN) was sold from Horsburgh (by April 2019).

### **Miscellaneous low-floor double deck types:**

DW 59 (LJ04 LFE) (ex ALN) from UK Coachways / Visions to Hunters Coaches, Moortown, West Yorkshire (August).

DW 119 (LJ05 BMY, ex 15 KXB, ex 319 CLT) (ex ALN) from McGills Buses to Drew Wilson (dlr), Carluke, South Lanarkshire, and then passed to Reddin's, Culmore, Co. Londonderry, Northern Ireland (all in August).

VLW 12 (UUI 2952, ex VLT12, ex LF51 DFV) (ex ALN) from Arriva Shires to Arriva Southern Counties (August); it is now at Northfleet and is now numbered as 6155.

DN 33642 (SN11 BPY) (ex FLN) from Ensign Bus, Purfleet to Bws Peris, Llanberis, Gwynedd (October).

DN 33787 (SN12 EHC) (ex FLN) from Ensign Bus, Purfleet to Redbridge Transport, Ilford, Essex (October).

TN 32802, 32808 (T802, 808 LLC), 32819 (T819 LLC, ex OIG 1788), 33067 (LN51 GLJ), 33127 (LT02 NVP), 33144, 33153, 33155, 33165, 33170, 33173 (LR02 LWZ, LXM, LXO, LYC, LYK, LYS), 33230, 33240 (LT52 WXM, WWJ) (ex FLN) from Shears (dlr) to Wigley, Barnsley, South Yorkshire (32808 – April 2019, 32819 – December 2018, and the remainder between March and June 2021).

TN 32874 (V874 HBY, ex HIG 1524) (ex FLN) from Messrs Allen, Whitmore & Howarth to Wigley, Barnsley, South Yorkshire (February).

TN 33143 (LR02 LWY), 33176 (HIG 1524, ex LR02 LYV), 33182 (LR02 LZB) (ex FLN) were sold from First South West (September). It is assumed that 33176 will have re-gained its original registration prior to sale. Note - TN 32874 and TN 33176 have both carried the registration HIG 1524.

TN 33381 (LK53 EZA, ex OIG 1791) (ex FLN) from First Somerset & Avon to First West of England (October).

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TNL 33002, 33071, 33084, 33099 (LN51 UZP, GKA, GME, GLZ) (ex FLN) from Shears (dlr) to Wigley, Barnsley, South Yorkshire 33002 – March, and the remainder between March and June. TNL33002 and 33099 are confirmed as sold from First South West to Shears.

TNL 33031 (LK51 UYN) (ex FLN) was sold from First South West (October).

VNL 32267 (LT52 WWN) (ex FLN) further to TLB683, this VNL is confirmed as passing to PVS, Barnsley, South Yorkshire.

VNL 32275 (KDZ 5104, ex LT52 WXE) (ex FLN) from First South Yorkshire to PVS, Barnsley, South Yorkshire (by October).

VNW 32352 (LK53 LZP) (ex FLN) further to TLB684, this VNW is confirmed as passing to Wigley, Barnsley, South Yorkshire.

VNW 32427 (LK04 HYG) (ex FLN) from Ensign Bus, Purfleet to L MacKinnon, Forest Gate, London E. (October).

VNW 32428 (LK04 HYH) (ex FLN) from Ensign Bus, Purfleet to South East Bus Supplies, Bromley, Kent (October).

AVL 25 (V125 LGC) (ex GAL) from Eagle Line Coaches (t/a Astra Coach Travel) to Marchants Coaches, Cheltenham, Glos. (July).

EVL 10 (PL51 LGO) (ex GAL) from Go South West to an unknown owner, Plymouth, Devon (July) for conversion into a café. This was the last of the once numerous fleet of EVLs with Plymouth Citybus / Go South West.

EVL 32 (PN02 XCS) (ex GAL) from Redbridge Transport to Ensign Bus, Purfleet (October).

PVL 167 (X567 EGK) (ex GAL) has been sold from Go Coach Hire (by October).

PVL 196 (X596 EGK), 237, 238 (Y737, 738 TGH) (ex GAL) further to TLB681, these PVLs were not sold and at least PVL 238 was still operating with Coastal & Country in August.

PVL 408, 409, 412, 413, 414 (LX54 GYY, GYZ, GZD, GZE, GZF) (ex GAL) from Go North East to Go South West (August).

VWL 27 (LF52 THV, ex L30 SBL) (ex GAL) from Lloyds Coaches to Greenslades Coaches, Exeter, Devon (September).

VWL 28 (LF52 THX) (ex GAL) further to TLB682, this VWL is now reported with Gwynfor Coaches, Llangefni, Anglesey (February) and the previous report is now in doubt.

WVL 29 (LF52 ZSP) (ex GAL) from Axe Valley Mini Travel to Ensign Bus, Purfleet (October). This WVL had previously been recorded with CT Plus and the date of acquisition by Axe Valley Mini Travel is not known.

WVL 213 (LX06 DYT) (ex GAL) was re-registered by Wagon Wheels to Y5 WWS in October 2019.

WVL 238, 239, 249 (LX06 DZW, DZY, EAO) (ex GAL) have been re-registered by Imperial Coaches to A10, 14, 6 VXH respectively.

440 (YV03 PZK) (ex GAL) from Ensign Bus, Purfleet to Redfern Travel, Mansfield, Notts. (October).

478 (WX 6025, ex YN53 RYX) (ex GAL) was returned to its original registration with Connexions by October.

SLE 1, 2 (YN54 OAA, OAB) (ex LU) from Connexions to Moxon, Oldcotes, Notts. (August).

SLE 3 (YN54 OAC) (ex LU) from Midland Classic to Connexions, Harrogate, North Yorkshire (June).

SP 4 (YN56 FCE) (ex LU) from Ensign Bus, Purfleet to Mid Coaches, Crediton, Devon (October).

SP 15 (YN56 FBZ) (ex LU) from Ensign Bus, Purfleet to change.org, London SE15 (October).

SP 30 (YN08 DHV) (ex LU) from Bestway Travel to Connexions, Harrogate, North Yorkshire (by June) and was then re-registered to 5147 UA.

TA 344 (SN03 LFR) (ex LU) was returned in July to BASE from loan to First Scotland East.

VE 3, 4, 5 (PG04 WGU, WGV, GWG) (ex LU) has been loaned from Keighley Bus Company to Team Pennine.

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- TA 639, 646 (LK05 GFV, GGJ) (ex ML) from Ensign Bus, Purfleet to MC Tractors / Shelton Motors, Ramsey, Cambs. (October).
- TE 715 (LK56 FHH) (ex ML) from Chiltern Bus Company to Cardinal Buses, New Haw, Surrey (August).
- TE 895 (LK08 NVL) (ex ML) from Redline Buses to Red Rose Travel, Dinton, Bucks. (October).
- VPL 216, 218 (LK51 XGL, XGN) (ex ML) from Redbridge Transport to Ensign Bus, Purfleet (October). VPL 218 then subsequently went to Gardbus, Eastleigh, Hampshire.
- TA 17017 (S817 BWC), 17196, 17198 (V196, 198 MEV) (ex SLN) from Ensign Bus, Purfleet to North East Coachways, Peterlee, County Durham (October). This corrects the entry in TLB686 for TA 17198.
- TA 17199 (V199 MEV) (ex SLN) from Ensign Bus, Purfleet to MC Tractors / Shelton Motors, Ramsey, Cambs. (October).
- TA 17291 (X291 NNO) (ex SLN) updating TLB670, this TA is now confirmed as passing to Poverest Primary School, St. Mary Cray, Kent (January 2020) as a static library.
- TA 17306 (X383 NNO) (ex SLN) from Chiltern Travel to A Line, Coventry, West Midlands (April 2020).
- TA 17312 (X312 NNO) (ex SLN) was sold for scrap from Coach Stop (October).
- TAS 17536 (LY02 OAB) (ex SLN) from Cardinal Buses to Candy Coaches, Morden, Surrey (July).
- TAS 17577 (LV52 HFK) (ex SLN) from Shears (dlr) to Wigley, Barnsley, South Yorkshire (December 2020) for scrap.
- TAS 17582 (LV52 HFP) (ex SLN) from Stagecoach South East to Ensign Bus, Purfleet (August) and then passed to Towlers Coaches, Wisbech, Cambs. (October).
- TAS 17585, 17587, 17590 (LV52 HFT, HFW, HFZ) (ex SLN) from Stagecoach South East to Ensign Bus, Purfleet (October). TA 17585 then passed to Seven Sisters Bus & Coach, Ringmer, East Sussex. This entry for TA 17587 supersedes the entry in TLB670.
- TA 17753 (LX03 BTV) (ex SLN) from London Borough of Havering to Agri Plant (dlr), Ingleton, North Yorkshire (October 2020). It was then sent for auction at BPI at Thornton, Lancs. in November 2020 and passed to Stafford Bus Centre, Cotes Heath, Staffs. (September).
- TA 18212 (LX04 FWZ) (ex SLN) from G H Watts to John Dix Travel, Moreton Valance, Glos. (June).
- TA 18222 (LX04 FXK) (ex SLN) from London Borough of Havering to Agri Plant (dlr), Ingleton, North Yorkshire (by June). It was then passed to Stafford Bus Centre, Cotes Heath, Staffs. (by September).
- TA 18231 (LX04 FXW) (ex SLN) from London Borough of Havering to Agri Plant (dlr), Ingleton, North Yorkshire (November 2020). It was then sent for auction at BPI at Thornton, Lancs. in December 2020 and passed to Stafford Bus Centre, Cotes Heath, Staffs. (by September).
- 15063 (LX09 AEJ) (ex SLN) further to TLB665, it is now reported as sold to Parton (dlr), Barnsley, South Yorkshire (June) after use for spares by Stagecoach East Scotland.
- 15151 (LX59 COJ) (ex SLN) from Ensign Bus, Purfleet to Borderbus, Bungay, Suffolk (October).
- DN 33642 (SN11 BPY), 33787 (SN12 EHC) (ex TT) – see the corresponding entries for DN 33642, 33787 (ex FLN) above.
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**Low-floor single deck types:**

DWL 40 (LF02 PNX) (ex ALN) further to TLB671, it is now recorded as passing from Arriva Kent & Surrey to Arriva Kent Thameside in May, so please delete the reference to it being sold.

ENL 29 (LJ58 AUE) (ex ALN) has been re-registered by John's School of Motoring to E19 JSM.

ENL 80, 81 (GN08 CGO, CGU) (ex ALN) not previously reported is that these two ENLs passed from Ensign Bus, Purfleet to First South West (July) after initially being hired. They have been numbered 44381 and 44382, and have been used at the Eden Project.

ENX 2, 11 (LJ07 EDL, ECF) (ex ALN) have been loaned from Arriva North West to Team Pennine from October onwards

ELS 7 (YU02 GHN) (ex GAL) from Go East Anglia to Alpha Recovery (by September).

LDP 248 (SN53 EUE) (ex GAL) from Ellis to Ripley, Barnsley, South Yorkshire (by April) for scrap.

LDP 270 (LX05 EYY) (ex GAL) was sold from Go South West (June) for scrap.

SE 3, 4 (LX07 BXK, BXL) 20 (SK07 DZO), 27 (SN57 DWP) (ex GAL) from Ensign Bus, Purfleet to Red Route Buses, Northfleet, Kent (October).

SE 9 (LX07 BXR), 25 (SN57 DWN) (ex GAL) from Ensign Bus, Purfleet to Seven Sisters Bus & Coach, Ringmer, East Sussex (October).

SE 34 (SN57 DXA) (ex GAL) from Ensign Bus, Purfleet to Stephenson's of Essex, Rochford, Essex (October).

SEN 38 (SK07 HLO) (ex GAL) from Ensign Bus, Purfleet to Mr N May, Birmingham, West Midlands. (October).

DML 45 (R875 MCE) (ex ML) was sold for scrap from Hartlepool Families First (September 2015).

DP 43 (W143 WGT) (ex ML) is confirmed as passing from Buses 4 Sale (dlr) to Deric Youth Bearpark, Durham (May 2014), and then to Positive Directions NE, Framwellgate, Co. Durham (February 2018) where it has been named Elizabus.

SLD 34156 (V156 MVX) (ex SLN) updating TLB681, this SLD passed from McCreadie to Middleton, Liverton, North Yorkshire (by August 2017), and then was sold in June 2018 for use as a static glamping bus, but has not subsequently been located.

36330 (LX58 CCV) (ex SLN) from Stagecoach Oxford to Stagecoach West (by October).

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## **Rail Replacements** : info via Managing Editor to davestewart297@gmail.com

Please bear in mind that these are ‘filler material’ for TLB and do not necessarily cover every item of rail work. Most remain unknown, unreported or of no special interest. I can only record, and do so briefly, those that are observed and reported. Just five members report regularly – I wonder how many readers are interested in the subject?

And now a plea: Some submissions are in such a format as I have to re-type a whole wedge of text, some of which I have to discard; some times it is difficult to interpret what is meant. Please can you prepare it in the simplified and abbreviated style that is in TLB, it can then be pasted in without a lot of extra work.

District: 31July, 01/07/08Aug Wimbledon & Earl’s Court by Arriva Ts, DWs, HVs, HAs, LTs, London United SPs, ADEs; same dates Wimbledon & Hammersmith by Metroline VWHs,TEHs.

21/22Aug Tower Hill & Canning Town by Stagecoach E400s, LTs; Canning Town & Dagenham East by Abellio E400s.

18/19Sept Gunnersbury & Hammersmith by Sullivans Es, also Hammersmith & Wimbledon by Abellio LTs, E400s; Earl’s Court & Wimbledon by Arriva London LTs, HTs, HVs, Ts assisted by Metroline.

23/24Oct Tower Hill & Barking by Sullivan Es,DSs; Canning Town & Dagenham East by Abellio E400s and LTs; Barking & Upminster by Arriva DWs and LB of Havering, Red Routemaster and Ensignbus.

Piccadilly: 28/29/30Aug Wood Green & Cockfosters by Metroline VWHs and Sullivans Es and DSs. 09/10Oct Acton Town & Heathrow Central by Abellio E400s and LTs, also Hammersmith & Heathrow T5 by coaches from Westbus, assisted (on 09/10 Oct) by Go-Ahead Luton and David Corbel Coaches. Also Hammersmith & Heathrow Terminals 2&3 by coaches from Lucketts, Clarkes, Commonwealth Coaches, The Kings Ferry & Westbus. There was a repeat on 30/31Oct but detail not recorded.

District and Piccadilly: 04/05Sept Acton Town & Earl’s Court by Arriva HVs,Ts, Abellio E400s; Acton Central & Richmond by Abellio E400s; Ealing Broadway & Hammersmith by Abellio E400s.

District and Overground: 09Sept & 10Oct Richmond & Willesden Junction / Turnham Green by Metroline. 19Sept Richmond & Willesden Junction by Metroline VWHs, VMHs, VWs.

Overground: 25/26Sep West Croydon & New Cross Gate by Go-Ahead Es, EHs, MHVs. WHVs. Es & ENs (Commercial).

09/10Oct Richmond & Acton Central by Abellio E 400s/E200s/LTs .

09/10Oct West Croydon & New Cross Gate by Arrive London HVs, Go Ahead Es. MHVs, WHVs. Es & ENs(Commercial). 06/07Nov Harrow & Wealdstone to Watford Junction by Sullivan AE-class E200s.

Jubilee: 11/12Sept Stonebridge Park & Stanmore by Abellio E400s, LTs; Swiss Cottage & Wembley Park by Metroline VWs and Sullivans Es, DSs.

Metropolitan: 11/12Sept Stonebridge Park & Harrow on the Hill by Arriva Ts. HAs, HVs. 16/17Oct Wembley Park & Northwood or Rayners Lane by Sullivan and Metroline.

Bakerloo: 06/07Nov Queen’s Park to Harrow & Wealdstone by Metroline.

Central: 25/26 Sept, also 02/03October: Shepherd’s Bush & Ealing Broadway by Abellio E400s and LTs Willesden Junction & West Ruislip by Abellio E200s and Metroline; Willesden Junction & Northolt by Sullivans Es and DSs.

25/26 Sept & 02/03 Oct Marble Arch & Shepherd’s Bush by additional buses on the 94 by RATP assisted by Metroline.

Northern: 21/22Aug Finchley Road & Canons Park by Metroline VWHs,TEs; Euston & Colindale by Arriva Ts, DWs, HVs, HTs. 21Aug Finchley Central & King’s Cross by Abellio E400s.

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DLR: 21/22Aug Canary Wharf & Beckton by Sullivan Es. DLR 28/29/30Aug: Lewisham & Canada Water by CT Plus E200s.

CroydonTramlink: 16 to 27Aug Waddon Marsh & East Croydon by Abellio E400s. 28/29/30/31Aug Waddon Marsh & Elmers End/ Beckenham Junction by Arriva Ts, HAs, HVs..Waddon Marsh & New Addington by Abellio E400s. On 31Aug some work subbed to Stagecoach and Go-Ahead.

Great Northern: 11/12 Sept – St Pancras & Harpenden by Go Ahead and Metroline. 31Oct, 07Nov and 14Nov Stevenage & Alexandra Palace by Go-Ahead assisted by Metroline.

TfL/GWR: 26Sept Slough to Ealing Broadway was resourced by CT Plus E20D MMCs.

Southern:

07/08Aug West Croydon & Balham (via Streatham Hill) by Go-Ahead Es, ENs(Commercial). 15Aug East Croydon & Redhill by d/ds from Travelmasters and Hams Travel, Arriva HTs, DWs Ts, Abellio E400s, also s/ds from Travelmasters, Hams Travel, Go Coach, Passenger Plus, Southdown PSV.

For nine days between 14-22 Aug, all three lines out of Horsham were closed for maintenance. Bus services ran Horsham to Dorking, Horsham to Littlehampton (fast & slow) and Horsham to Crawley or Three Bridges (fast & slow). 17 operators were involved and they were A&A Travel, Brighton & Hove, Brighton Horizon Coaches, Cardinal Buses, Compass Bus, Crawley Luxury, Go Ahead London Commercial using MHVs, Es, SEs, EHs, WVLs, VWLs, Ham's Travel, Metrobus, Passenger Plus, Regency Coaches, Seaford & District, Southdown PSV, Southern Transit, Stagecoach South, United Coaches and Worthing Coaches.

After a break of a week, the lines were closed again 04/05Sept: On the 4th Horsham & Dorking and Pulborough & Three Bridges. Operators observed were Crawley Luxury on the Dorking service and Brighton Horizon Coaches, Crawley Luxury, Southern Transit, Go-Ahead London, Southdown PSV, Seaford & District, Stagecoach South and Regency Coaches on the latter service.

On the 5th Horsham & Three Bridges (fast & slow), Horsham & Littlehampton (slow) and Horsham & Barnham (fast). Operators noted on these routes were Crawley Luxury, Go-Ahead London and Metrobus running to Three Bridges and Regency Coaches, Brighton Horizon Coaches, Go-Ahead London and Crawley Luxury running to Littlehampton/ Barnham. A Brighton & Hove vehicle was also on standby.

15Aug from 00:01 to 14:00 only: East Croydon & Redhill by Go Coach YJ62 FUG. Coachmasters BJ11 DUA GD09 JHX YX67 UYK BF63 ZRL, Ham's Flimwell - DW66 HAM DW70 HAM MC16 HAM MC17 HAM, Abellio - 9404 9421 9424 9530, Arriva HT 26, DW 545 and T124.

15Aug Purley & Tattenham Corner by s/ds of Crawley Luxury, Passenger Plus and Southdown PSV. Passengers for Caterham line stations were advised to use bus 407.

22 Aug Sutton & Tulse Hill via Mitcham Junction (including diversion via Streatham Common to connect with Victoria trains) by Go-Ahead d/ds.

04/05 Sept Norwood Junction & Sutton/ Epsom Downs by Go-Ahead Es & ENs(Commercial), also s/ds from Passenger Plus.

11/12Sept Purley & Horley by Go Ahead Es & ENs(Commercial) and Metrobus(CY) Scania.

19 Sept West Croydon & Crystal Palace by Go Ahead WHVs, EHs.

03Oct West Croydon & Sutton/ Epsom Downs and Streatham & Epsom both by Go-Ahead WHVs. Es, ENs(Commercial).

03Oct Three Bridges & Billingshurst by Go-Ahead London.

09/10Oct Three Bridges to Lewes/ Brighton. On the Sunday operators were – A&A Travel, Brighton & Hove, Brighton Horizon Coaches, Cardinal Buses, City Circle, Cozy's Coaches, Crawley Luxury, LJ Edwards, Go-Ahead London (VWL/WVN/WHV/E/EH/Scania dd), Hams Travel, Reg's Coaches, Seaford & District, Southdown PSV, Southern Transit and United Minicoaches

16/17Oct East Croydon & Clapham Junction by Go-Ahead WVLs, EHs.WHVs, WVN, Es & ENs(Commercial),Es.

23/24Oct West Croydon & Balham via Crystal Palace by Go-Ahead-WHVs MHVs and Arriva London-HVs.

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South Western Railway:

02April Barnes & Hounslow / Teddington by Diamond (40518 LX59CNZ & 40714 SL16YPH), Meritrule of Carshalton (LG02FBX ex TA249) & Westbus (SEL742, SEL745 & SK70BUH). 03April same route by Bear Bus (LK04CVL ex VP549) Hallmark (40518 LX59CNZ & 40714 SL16YPH), Meritrule of Carshalton (LG02FBX ex TA249), NPC (SN18KSO - AD E40D / E400 MMC), Red Routemaster (PJ02RFE ex PVL296) & Westbus (SEL742). 04April same route by Big Ben Coaches (LR52BOV ex VP346), London Bus Group (LK54FWH ex VPL629) NPC (SL69XWW - AD E40D / E400 MMC) & Westbus (SK70BUH & SK70BUJ). 05 April same route by Abellio (LT36) Bear Buses (Y819TGH ex PVL219), Candy Coaches (LJ54BDZ - ex Arriva VLA94 & Ensignbus 906), Cardinal Buses (TA950 & TE721), Meritrule of Carshalton (LG02FBX ex TA249), RATP London (SP40075), Red Routemaster (LX06DZC ex WVL220) & Westbus (SEL745 & SEL806). 06April same route by Bear Buses (LK04CVL ex VP549), Cardinal Buses (TE721), Horseferry Coaches, Fulham (LX05FCF ex WVL166), Red Routemaster (PJ02RFE ex PVL296) & Westbus (SK70BUH).

11April Hounslow & Woking / Ascot / Windsor & Eton Riverside by Aldermaston Coachlines (J300BTS), Cardinal Buses (TE733), Mortons (P1KGF), NPC (SL69XWW - AD E40D / E400 MMC), Safeguard (YJ17FZE & YJ67FYX - Metrocity) & Westbus (SEL742 & an unidentified AD E40D / E400 MMC)

24April Barnes & Twickenham via Brentford by Bear Bus (LK04CVL ex VP549), Red Routemaster (PJ02RFE ex PVL296) & Westbus (SK70BUH/BUJ).

24/25April Barnes & Hounslow by Westbus-E400MMC and ex-SELS, Red Routemaster ex-WVLs, Horseferry Coaches (exWVL), Mayfair Coaches ex Tower Transit VN.

02May Barnes & Twickenham / Feltham via Brentford by Bear Bus (Y823TGH – PVL223 & BJ11DZX – VN36140).

03May Barnes & Twickenham via Brentford by Red Routemaster (LX06DZC ex WVL220).

08May Barnes – Hounslow / Teddington (calling at all stations via Twickenham some limited stop) by Cardinal Buses (TE721), Diamond SE (32311 - BD20ODM - StreetLite), & Westbus (SEL742, SEL806 & SK70BUJ)

09May Barnes – Hounslow / Teddington (calling at all stations via Twickenham some limited stop) by Cardinal Buses (TE721), Horseferry Coaches, Fulham (LX05FCF – ex WVL166), Mayfairs Coaches, Kensington (BJ11EBG ex VN36145), NPC (SN18KSO - AD E40D / E400 MMC), THX, London N1 (LG02FBX ex TA249), & Westbus (SEL745).

From 17May until 06Nov the 'down' platform at Upper Halliford has been out of use whilst Network Rail do things to it and trains are not stopping. A rail replacement bus is running Sunbury via Upper Halliford to Shepperton in that direction only. One observation was a Falcon Coaches E200. As it happens, in early November I was on a Shepperton service and the guard gave passengers the option of staying on the train to Shepperton and alight at Lower Halliford on the way back to London.

12 June Barnes – Feltham (calling at all stations via Brentford) by Westbus (SK70BUH & SK70BUJ). 13June Barnes – Twickenham / Feltham (calling at all stations via Brentford) by Candy Coaches (PVL 393 - LX54 HAU) & Westbus (SK70 BUJ). 20 June Hounslow – Woking / Ascot / Windsor & Eton Riverside (calling at all station, some limited stop) by Cardinal Buses (TA324 & TA950), Falcon (YX70 OKZ - AD E20D / E200 MMC), Reading Buses (782 - AD E40D / E400 MMC) & Westbus (SEL 806).

08Aug Barnes & Hounslow / Teddington by Abellio (LT39), NPC (SN18 KSO - AD E40D / E400 MMC), THX of London N1 (LG02 FBX ex TA 249), & Westbus (190 ex SEL 806). In practice these services were interworked by the same buses as were the similar date below.

22 Aug Richmond & Hounslow / Teddington by Cardinal Buses (TE 833), Horseferry Coaches, Fulham (LX05 FCF – ex WVL 166), Red Routemaster (PJ02 RFE ex PVL 296) & Westbus (187 (ex SEL 742) & 191 SK70 BUJ), Bear Buses BJ11 DVV ex VN 36136).

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22 Aug Surbiton & Woking, noted were s/ds from Safeguard, Arriva Kent & Surrey, BM Coaches (E200 YX68 UKT in British Airways staff shuttle livery).

28Aug Richmond & Hounslow / Teddington by Bear Bus (LK04 CVL ex VP 549), Cardinal Buses (TA 717, TE 722 & TE 733), Ensignbus (136 BJ11 DVV), Westbus (187 LK07 AZZ ex SEL 742 &) and Westway (SK2 1FHV - AD E40D / E400 MMC).

29Aug Richmond & Hounslow / Teddington by Cardinal Buses (TA 324, TA 536 & TA717).

30Aug Richmond & Hounslow / Teddington by Bear Bus (BJ11 DZX ex VN 36140) and BJ11 DVV, Cardinal Buses (TA 324, TA 536 and TE 722), Westbus (187 LK07 AZZ ex SEL 742 & SK70 BUH AD E40D/E400 MMC), Mayfair Coaches (BJ11 EBG ex-VN 36145), Westway (E400 600 CXS ex-YX17 NUJ).

04/05Sep Richmond & Hounslow / Teddington by Cardinal Buses (TA 950), Red Routemaster (PJ02 RBZ ex PVL 281, PJ02 RFE ex PVL 296), Westbus (190 LK57 KBJ ex SEL 806) & Westway (600 SCX- AD E40D / E400 MMC).

19Sept Richmond & Hounslow/ Teddington Bear Buses, Candy Coaches. Cardinal Buses, Red Routemaster. Mayfair Coaches. Horseferry Coaches.

26Sept New Malden & Shepperton but the only bus noted was Bear Buses Y819 TGH. New Malden & Twickenham, noted Bear Buses and Westbus.

09Oct Barnes & Hounslow / Teddington by Bear Buses (WVL), Cardinal Buses (TAs), Horseferry Coaches, Fulham (WVL), MNE Transport, Harrow (Coach), NPC (E400MMC) & Zinc Incorporation, Tolworth (VLA). 10Oct Barnes & Hounslow / Teddington by Cardinal Buses (TA), Candy Coaches, Morden, (SP), Diamond South East (StreetLite & StreetDeck), Falcon (E200MMC) & Red Routemaster (PVL).

16Oct Barnes & Feltham by Bear Buses (VP) & Red Routemaster (WVL)

17Oct Barnes & Twickenham / Feltham by City Circle (Coach).

24Oct Hounslow & Woking / Ascot / Windsor & Eton Riverside by AirSym (E200MMC), BM Coaches (E200MMC), Westbus (coach) & Zinc Incorporation, Tolworth (VLA).

31Oct Hounslow & Woking / Ascot / Windsor & Eton Riverside by Bear Bus (LDP), Cardinal Buses (TA), Horseferry Coaches, Fulham (Merc Citaro) & Mayfair Coaches (Scania K340EB4 coach)

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## SERVICE VEHICLES

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### LUL/LBSL/TfL Fleet; Newly reported vehicles

None reported

### Additional information and updates

New vans 9157F-9160F and dropside LL21 KPR (all listed in TLB685) were still at Acton Works in late October, the latter still in unmarked white/blue.

The basing of 'toilet' vans 7674F, 7675F and YT70 VHD at South Harrow Station has ended, with all three back at Acton by October. Our allocation code SHS is now therefore defunct once more. 8612R has been withdrawn.

### Bus Company Fleets; Newly reported vehicles

-	GL69 SHJ	VW Transporter Minibus	Arriva London	Grey #	DT
-	WP21 YCZ	Mercedes Vito Minibus	Go-Ahead London	Red #	DS
-	WP21 YDA	Mercedes Vito Minibus	Go-Ahead London	Red #	DS
-	RX71 SYY	Mercedes Vito Minibus	Go-Ahead London	Red #	MB
-	RX71 SZN	Mercedes Vito Minibus	Go-Ahead London	Red #	MB
-	RX71 SZO	Mercedes Vito Minibus	Go-Ahead London	Red #	MB
503	LL07 CXD	LTI TX4 Taxi	Go Coachhire	Black	-
504	LL08 XAM	LTI TX4 Taxi	Go Coachhire	Black	-
502	LO59 KVD	LTI TX4 Taxi	Go Coachhire	Black	-

### Additional information

Go-Ahead WP21 YCZ/YDA were noted at Canning Town, so the allocation to DS is not confirmed – it could be SI or even RR.

The three taxis with Go Coachhire were listed in the main vehicle news section of TLB685, but it is now known that they have been allocated company fleetnumbers. What is not known is whether these numbers (or indeed any lettering) are carried.

Metroline van AV18 ORO is allocated to HD.

RATP-Dev Dacia car D75104 (MJ69 ZCK) no longer appears on the DVLA so has presumably been withdrawn, or re-registered. Reports of the current allocations for the other Dacias latterly based at Epsom would be welcomed. Likewise for their Renault van R70032 (MF20 RYU).

Vehicles withdrawn include Abellio 6801 (LS62 PJY), Arriva London FB18 BGK, Go-Ahead London RJ62 ZHA, EX64 YBJ/YDA/YDR, RK64 OVG and EU16 KXR, and Tower Transit LX13 OUU.

----- THE END -----

This TLB closed on 5-7 November and due for posting on 16 November. Closing date for TLB688 is Weds 1 December and due for posting on Tues 14 December. Reports to the Editors by post or e-mail to davestewart297@gmail.com or to heads of sections for contact points. Next closing dates are Weds 01Dec 2021, 05Jan, 02Feb, 02Mar, 30Mar 2022 (note early date due to Easter) These dates are for us editors to have sufficient time to process, although info over the next four days can invariably be slotted in as time and space allows. Those of you who report regularly should 'bookmark' these dates.

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Arriva's country bus operators are notorious for their attitude to route branding. Two E400s were transferred in and so we see No.4401 in Watford on the 500 from Aylesbury, proudly promoting Sapphire route 38 in Derby. Perhaps locals in Herts are left wondering where Sinfin is?  
*(Yoram Blumann)*



In October Richmond's Coaches from North Herts snapped up this Volvo B8RLE/MCV EvoRa BU71 UNR and it is a regular on route 390. Our view shows its rather unusual livery while leaving Stevenage on its way to Hertford and Ware.  
*(David Heath)*



BYD electric buses are now familiar on some TfL services although an early forerunner was once EB 3 in London. After staying stored for a while it moved to Universitybus and now is the regular on the inter-Campus shuttle service at Hatfield.  
*(David Heath)*

**Rear cover:** An extensive running day was staged on 9th October along route 93 and included long-gone route projections. The main daytime route did go to Epsom (it's the 293 nowadays) and RT 1 travels along Stonecot Hill as it re-creates the former Sunday extension to Dorking.  
*(Richard Godfrey)*



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